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Woman Says Notorious Desperado Wielded Machine Gun in Massacre.

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Mrs. West's desk is at a point in the station lobby which commands one of the two doors through which train passengers enter the station.

"The man left immediately when I stepped up," she said, adding that he walked out the east door of the station.

She then repeated how she had seen this same man, who had lounged at her desk 20 minutes before the killing, walk calmly from the shelter of a loading dock outside the station and launch his deadly attack.

"The man with the machine gun was about 30 years of age," Mrs. West continued, relating how she had seen his stealthy approach from ambush as the officers grouped about their automobile.

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Mrs. West was not familiar with the appearance of Floyd, and was not

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informed by the sheriff that she had identified the Oklahoma outlaw.

Her description of the "man with the machine gun" tallies with that of Floyd in police records, Sheriff Nash said.

Prior to Mrs. West's identification, T. J. Higgins, chief of detectives, expressed doubt that Floyd was involved, although the Oklahoma gunman released Killingerworth and Walter Griffith, of Clinton, near Lees Summit, 20 miles from Kansas City, Friday night.

While Federal, State and city officers conducted a grim search for the slayers of Nash, Chief Reed, Raymond J. Caffrey, Federal agent, William J. Grooms and Frank Herman, city detectives, two armed robbers carried out a \$5,000 holdup on a busy downtown street corner today.

They kidnaped W. H. Duncan and G. C. Ginnis, co-managers of an amusement park, boarded their automobile in front of a bank, robbed them and released them a dozen

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# **"PRETTY BOY" IDENTIFIED AS "TRIGGER MAN"**

**Name Floyd as Killer  
Of Five in Kan-  
sas City.**

## **WOMAN GIVES CLUE**

**Witness to Slaughter Of  
Five Picks Out Gun-  
man's Picture.**

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### **Description Fits Floyd.**

Her description of the "man with the machine gun" tallies with that of Floyd in police records, Sheriff Bash said.

Employees at the Bitzer garage at Bolivar, Mo., where Sheriff Jack Killingsworth was kidnaped Friday, said Floyd wore a brown suit, white shirt, turned down Panama hat and white shoes. His companion, Adam Ricchetti, was dressed in a blue suit and wore black and white shoes.

Sheriff Bash said it had been known in the underworld here several months that Floyd had been used on at least two occasions as an assassin by Kansas City racketeers.

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## 'TRIGGER MAN' IS IDENTIFIED IN MASSACRE OF 5

Woman Says One of Machine  
Gunners Was Oklahoma  
Desperado

SAW KILLER AT DESK

20 Minutes Later She  
Watched Him Open Fire on  
Four Officers, Convict

By The United Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo., June 20—Charles (Pretty Boy) Floyd, whose machine gun allegedly has dealt death to an undetermined number of policemen, was accused today of directing Saturday's massacre of a Federal investigator, an Oklahoma police chief, two Kansas City detectives and a convict in front of the Kansas City Union Station.

Mrs. Lottie West of the Travelers' Aid Bureau, identified a picture of "Pretty Boy" as that of one of the machine gunners. Mrs. West said the man identified as Floyd was sitting at her desk in her chair in the station lobby when she went to work Saturday morning.

About 20 minutes later the group of officers got off a train from Hot Springs, Ark., and escorted Frank Nash, a recaptured convict, to an auto. As they were entering the car, the killers opened fire, slaying five men and wounding another.

### Woman Sees Gunner

Mrs. West, whose desk is near the door, looked out and saw the gunmen. A large man who handled one of the guns was the same one who had been sitting at her desk a few minutes before, Mrs. West told investigators today.

The day before, Floyd and a companion, identified as Adam Richetti, kidnaped Sheriff Jack Killingsworth at Bolivar, Mo., and held him captive almost 24 hours. Killingsworth and another hostage, picked up when Floyd commandeered his car, were released a few miles from Kansas City Friday night. A few hours later, the Union Station Plaza killings took place.

Police also announced today that Floyd was suspected of numerous killings which previously had not been charged to him.

### Hired Killer, Police Say

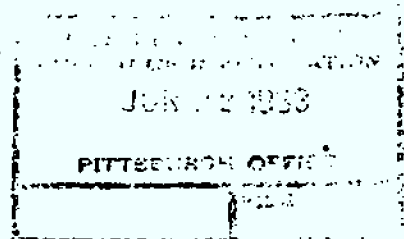
They said "Pretty Boy" is not a Robin Hood type of outlaw, as pictured by his family and friends, but a killer whose services are for sale. They said he was the one who "rubbed out" Jack Dalton, ex-police-man charged with turning racketeer.

Floyd, by his own statement, was eliminated as one of the gunmen who killed Sheriff Roger Wilson and Highway Patrolman Ben Booth at Columbia, Mo., last week.

Floyd told Sheriff Killingsworth that he did not have a part in those killings or the bank holdup at Mexico, Mo., which preceded them. Officers were inclined to believe this report, pointing out that Floyd has so many crimes charged against him, that he would have no purpose in denying any which he committed.

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## STATION KILLER OF 5 IDENTIFIED

KANSAS CITY, June 19.—(AP)—

Mrs. Lottie West, a witness of the shooting here Saturday in which four peace officers and their prisoner were killed in front of the Union station, today identified a picture of Charles (Pretty Boy) Floyd, notorious Oklahoma outlaw, as that of one of the machine gunners who attacked the party.

Mrs. West, Travelers' Aid worker at the station, picked the photograph from a group spread before

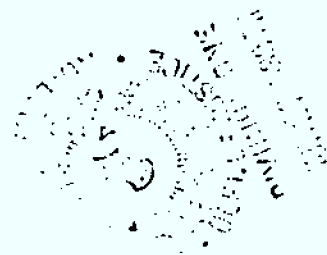
her.

Floyd was in the vicinity of Kansas City Friday night, when he liberated Sheriff Jack Killingsworth of Polk County after holding him a

hostage throughout the day.

Chief of Detectives T. J. Higgins and other authorities previously expressed doubt that Floyd had any connection with the shootings.

Mrs. West said she saw the man she identified as Floyd sitting her desk in the lobby of the station about 7 a. m., shortly before the killing.



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# CHICAGO WOMAN BETRAYED NASH

HOT SPRINGS, Ark., June 20.—  
(By International News Service.)—  
A woman in Chicago who "talked  
too much" either out of carelessness  
or jealousy furnished the tip which  
led federal officers to Frank Nash,  
notorious desperado. It was revealed  
today. Nash, arrested here Friday,  
was slain Saturday morning with  
four officers in Kansas City during  
a battle with a gang of gunmen.  
The convict knew he was "on the  
spot." It also was learned that he  
received a letter from Chicago in-  
forming him that a woman there  
"had talked."  
Nash, who had taken an active  
part in the local night life, had in-  
tended to leave here Saturday for  
New York and then sail for Paris,  
it was learned.

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## Machine Gun Check Here Ordered

Stirred to action by the Kansas City gangster machine-gun massacre of five, Police Commissioner Gaither today ordered a police check-up of all such weapons in Baltimore.

The Commissioner ordered that the recent act of the Legislature setting up machinery for checking machine guns be read to all patrolmen in the city, and that its provisions be carried out.

### RECALLS SHOOTING

Mr. Gaither recalled the shooting in the Kansas City railroad station, which resulted in the mowing down of four police officers and a notorious gangster, whom the machine gunners were apparently trying to rescue as the officials were returning him to prison.

The Maryland law, enacted April 21, provides for the registration of all machine guns purchased by any person.

The purchase report is to be made to the Secretary of State within 24 hours after the gun is bought, and a heavy fine is set for failure to do so.

### MUST KEEP RECORD

It also provides that all dealers and manufacturers of such weapons keep a record of them, with their sales, so that in the event of the use of one in any crime, it can be traced. It also sets a 20-year penalty for the use of a machine gun in commission of any act of violence.

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NEW ORLEANS "STATES" - June 21, 1933.

# **K. C. Massacre Demands New Laws Says M. C.**

WASHINGTON, June 21.—(By Universal)—Demand that Congress at the next session enact legislation to curb racketeering was made today by Representative Woodruff, Republican, of Michigan.

Taking cognizance of the Kansas City union station massacre last week, Woodruff declared this "indicates to what lengths the criminal element will go to protect its own."

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## The Federal Diary

By GEORGE D. RILEY

### Injustice to Justice.

Word comes from Justice that "the Attorney General has bottled up the news from this department." If there were less mystery about the Department of Justice and more attempt to humanize its operatives and employes there would be fewer outrages paralleling Saturday's affair in Kansas City and less resistance to a Federal law punishing such atrocities.

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## DRIVE ON GANGS PUSHED BY U. S.

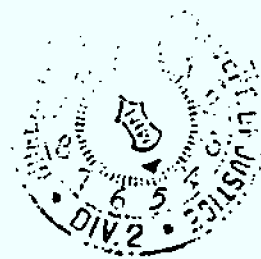
While the Department of Justice conducted an unremitting search for the slayers of four peace officers at Kansas City last week, Attorney General Cummings yesterday pledged continuation of the war against gangsters.

In a letter to Mrs. Raymond J. Caffrey, of Omaha, widow of the Department of Justice agent killed by machine-gun bullets, Cummings said:

"His loss will be an inspiration to the department and his fellow workers to continue their work in bringing to justice these outlaw enemies of society."

F. J. Lackey, Federal agent wounded in the daylight crime, was commended for his courage, and Cummings added:

"I have instructed that every facility of the department be used for the purpose of bringing to justice the perpetrators of the murderous attack upon you and your brother officers."



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# U. S. Seeking 8 For Slaughter At Kansas City

**Kansas Fugitives and Former Sheriff Among Those Ordered Arrested.**

Kansas City, July 6 (A.P.).—The Department of Justice today ordered the arrest of Charles (Pretty Boy) Floyd, Oklahoma killer, and five escaped Kansas convicts; Verne C. Miller, former Huron, S. Dak., sheriff, and William Weissman in connection with the machine-gun slayings of four officers and their prisoner, Frank Nash, at the Union Station Plaza here June 17.

The announcement by Director of Police Reppert that Miller and Weissman were known to have had a part in the slaughter was followed today by the appearance of circulars issued by the United States Bureau of Investigation asking for the arrest of Floyd and the five convicts.

The circulars were issued at Washington by J. Edgar Hoover, director of the bureau. They named Harvey Bailey, Wilbur Underhill, Ed Davis, James Clark, and Robert G. Brady, who escaped from the Kansas Penitentiary Memorial Day, and Floyd.

The circulars bore the pictures of the six men, described them minutely and stated they are sought in the "murder of Otto Reed, chief of police at McAlester, Okla.; William J. Grooms and Frank E. Hermanson, police officers of Kansas City, Mo.; Raymond J. Caffrey, special agent of the United States Bureau of Investigation, and their prisoner, Frank Nash, at Kansas City, Mo., June 17, 1933."

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# MOVE OUT JUNE 27

A Man Using Weissman's Car Directs Van Attendants in Loading Miller Effects.

## NEIGHBORS REPORT ON IT

The Work Is Completed, However, Before Any Officers Reach the Scene.

## TEN DAYS AFTER SLAYINGS

Gang Had Left Bungalow at 6612 a Week Before Transfer of Furnishings.

A white clapboard bungalow, sitting attractively but inconspicuously on Edgevale road, just south of Sixty-sixth street, was the cynosure of many eyes today. It was 6612 Edgevale, the home where Verne C. Miller, perpetrator of the union station massacre the morning of June 17, had lived. It was the home to which he and William Weissman, companion killer, fled after they had left five men dead on the union station plaza.

The house sits back among the trees and is on a terrace, its basement garage opening onto Edgevale road. It is comfortable in appearance from the outside and on the inside. Its owner, Newman E. McFarland, certainly had no idea he was renting it to a murderer when a man who called himself V. C. Moore moved into the place with a woman who supposedly was his wife and her 10-year-old child.

### Detective Story Magazines.

There were empty beer bottles on the top of the refrigerator in the house today, and detective and adventure magazines lying about. One of the magazine covers blazoned luridly, "How I Trapped the Five Murderers of a Los Angeles Policeman," and another said, "Capturing the One-Handed Terror of the South."

Oriental rugs were on the floor and one double bed and two twin beds were in two bedrooms upstairs. Things were scattered about as though Miller and Weissman had departed in a hurry the Monday after the killing, when they finally decided to flee the place. Nothing that had belonged to Mr. McFarland was taken apparently, however.

Miller had lived at the house two months before the killing and his movements naturally had been noticed by the neighbors. He was great for playing golf, always leaving and returning with golf clubs over his shoulder. He manifestly belonged to no golf club, however, as he probably would have left his clubs in a locker there if he had been a club member.

### Asked Neighbors to Watch.

When the police and federal agents discovered the Edgevale road house had been the headquarters of the murderers, they gave binoculars to neighbors nearby and asked them to use their spare time watching for anybody who went into or out of the house. The neighbors were a husband and wife.

June 27, ten days after the massacre and just a week before the Fourth of July, the wife was watching the house when she saw a truck from a local transfer company go to the basement garage and take from it some springs, a mattress, a washing machine, a floor lamp, some cartons, some bedding and quilts. The truckman was directed by a big man, red-faced, either light or gray-haired, heavy, with a full stomach. It was hot and he mopped his face repeatedly with his handkerchief as he gave orders.

He had driven to the house in a light brown Packard sedan, which he had parked on Sixty-sixth street terrace, headed east.

### Car Traced to Weissman.

The neighbor trained her binoculars on the sedan, ascertained its license number, and a police check of the number traced the car directly to Weissman. It was the same sedan that had been seen often at the house before, driven by a dark, swarthy man, Weissman. He had used it to take his 9-year-old daughter, Mary, to play with the 10-year-old Betty Moore. The man in the sedan who was directing the removal of the things from the garage was not Weissman, however.

The woman with the binoculars called the government agents hurriedly while the things were being removed from the house, but truck, sedan and red-faced man had departed before the authorities arrived.

A picture of Miller was shown to the neighbor man and he identified the picture as that of V. C. Moore, who had lived in the house. Pictures of Miller and Weissman were shown to Jo Ann Alford, 9-year-old daughter of William T. Alford, public administrator, who lived across the street at 6621 Edgevale road and was a playmate of Betty Moore. She identified both as the men who had been at the house.

### Nothing Out of the Way.

Neighbors, naturally interested in any newcomers, had noticed somewhat affairs at the house at 6612 Edgevale. They had seen men go there often in private cars or taxicabs, sometimes with women, sometimes with golf bags. They had heard the tinkle of glasses at night. They had heard occasional laughter. But never was there anything out of line, never anything to complain about or classify the Moores as bad neighbors.

Friday, June 16, the day before the massacre, Weissman was seen to drive his car to the home, and Mrs. Moore and Betty left in it. The woman and little girl were away Saturday and Sunday. Monday they returned for a short time, then all left the house. No neighbors saw the final departure, but presumably it was in the late afternoon.

Moore was observed to drive either a Chevrolet or an Essex. A Chevrolet was the car the killers used in the massacre.

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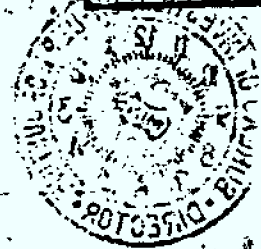
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## CUMMINGS ASKS LAW TO AID FIGHT ON GANGS

**Says Federal Government Must  
Act, as Racketeering Has  
Become National in Scope.**

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Special to The New York Times

WASHINGTON, July 1.—Attorney General Cummings is considering recommending legislation to Congress next winter to arm the Federal government with weapons for the fight on racketeers that he has inaugurated.

"Racketeering has got to a point when the government as such must take a hand and try to stamp out this underworld army," he said this week. "The preying of this army on the unorganized public must be stopped."

"This has been true for many years, but it is increasingly apparent that the State authorities have not the equipment or the coordination to meet the problem which has become national in scope."

Mr. Cummings has amassed a large volume of material which will be studied throughout the Summer in the hope of finding bases for Federal legislation. The recommendations are expected probably to be submitted to Congress next January.

The government could enter the picture in view of the interstate character of crime, Mr. Cummings said. He suggested the advisability of some method of preventing the lawless elements from getting machine guns and other firearms. He also mentioned the possibility of a law to prohibit interstate movement of stolen goods.

Mr. Cummings, saying that usually when the Federal government enters into a law-enforcement situation the State and local authorities drop out, declared that Federal authorities must insist that local officials increase rather than decrease their efforts.

"We want to stimulate and coordinate the efforts of the Federal, State and local governments," he said. "In no other way can success be achieved. The various enforcement agencies must work together in a better way than they ever have before."

Many months of effort must be exerted before progress can be made against the gangsters, he admitted.

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## Two Gunmen Sought as Perpetrators of Missouri Massacre

Authorities Finally Identify the  
Killers of Four Officers and  
Prisoner in Kansas City, Mo.

By United Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Two hardened criminals were sought thruout the country today as the killers of four officers and a convict in the machine gun massacre of the Union Station plaza here June 17.

Authorities announced they had identified the killers as Verne C. Miller, former sheriff in North Dakota, subsequently a Chicago gunman, wanted for several crimes; and William Weissman, brother of Solly Weissman, notorious Kansas City gangster slain here nearly three years ago.

### GET MASSACRE DETAILS

Along with the announcement, officials detailed their version of the massacre as reconstructed from evidence gathered in the intervening weeks. This for the first time fixed the motive for the slaughter.

It was the liberation of Frank Nash, Federal convict being returned to the Leavenworth Penitentiary. Miller was named as a member of the notorious Nash gang.

Nash was captured at Hot Springs, Ark., the preceding night. Officers said their investigation showed that members of his gang advised Miller, in Kansas City, of the arrest and plans to return him to prison.

Miller expected to follow the officers returning Nash and effect the delivery on the road to Leavenworth, it was said.

Instead, he and Weissman seized an opportunity when the officers were off their guard in transferring Nash from train to auto here, and tried to bring about the delivery.

### NASH IS KILLED

Nash himself fell dead before the machine gun fire, as did Raymond J. Caffrey, of the Federal Bureau of Investigation; Otto Reed, police chief

of McAlester, Okla., and W. J. Grooms and Frank Hermanson, Kansas City detectives.

Miller was wounded in the encounter, a bullet from the gun of Grooms piercing the flesh of his left arm. Officers did not determine whether Weissman, armed with two automatic pistols, did any shooting.

As the official version of the massacre went, Miller and Weissman leaped into the waiting auto after the slaughter and drove to a house on the far South Side. Miller rented the house two months earlier, it was said.

There Weissman helped Miller dress his wound. They stayed there, with Miller's family, until Monday night, 60 hours after the massacre.

Police and Federal agents picked up the significant clues that led to reconstruction of the crime on June 23. They checked numerous telephone calls between Hot Springs, Joplin, Mo., and Kansas City.

They learned a woman, named as Mrs. E. B. Connor, telephoned from Hot Springs to a man named Herb Farmer at Joplin. Farmer was said to have made a call to Kansas City, the tracing of which led to the address where Miller lived.

At the house officers found blood-soaked rags and a keg of roofing nails such as might be used to scatter along the highway to cause auto tire punctures and frustrate pursuit.

Official records showed no previous major crime here by Weissman. He was said to be wanted in New Jersey on a murder charge growing out of the slaying of a prohibition agent, and in St. Louis for several crimes including murder.

The records showed Miller embezzled funds while he was sheriff in North Dakota, and served a term in the state prison. He was said to have had headquarters in Chicago until late years, when he operated in Arkansas and Oklahoma with the Nash gang.



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# NOW PLAZA KILLERS

**Nation-wide Search on for Perpetrators of the  
Massacre That Cost Lives of Four Officers  
and a Convict.**

## THE MAN DID SHOOTING AND WAS SHOT

**Verne C. Miller, the Killer, a Former Sheriff—Solly  
Weissman's Brother, William,  
Drove the Car.**

The union station killers are known. There were two of them in that appalling event that cost the lives of four officers and a government convict in the morning of June 17. The machine gunner was Verne C. Miller, a former sheriff of North Dakota, later a Chicago gunman, in several cities for other crimes. His partner was William Weissman, brother of Solly Weissman, notorious Kansas City gangster who was shot here a few years ago.

A Nationwide Search for Them. The two men are the objects of a nation-wide search by the Kansas City police department and the United States bureau of investigation. Pictures and complete descriptions of the men have been circulated over the nation. Their capture is expected at an early date.

Planned to Rescue Nash on Highway. Miller and Weissman did not intend to attempt the rescue of Frank Nash, the convict, at the union station. Miller planned to follow the officers and their prisoner and overtake them on the road to Leavenworth prison, from which Nash escaped three years ago. At an opportune moment, he planned to get the drop on the officers and take Nash.

Weissman was there as driver of the car, because Miller had asked him. He was not a member of the Nash gang.

Near Officers' Car by Chance. They drove to the station early the morning of June 17 and determined the hour of arrival of the train from Fort Smith, with Nash and his escort. They parked their car in the parking station opposite the east entrance of the union station. It was purely chance that the officers' car was parked in the rear near the killers' car, and not because the killers watched the movements of the police, as was at first believed. When the escort emerged from the east entrance with Nash

### Description of the Union Station Killers

**VERNE C. MILLER**—33 years old, 5 feet, 8 inches tall, about 180 pounds, blond hair, blue eyes, snappy dresser, expert machine gun operator. Learned to use machine gun in the army.

**WILLIAM WEISSMAN**—35 years old, 5 feet, 8 inches tall, about 200 pounds, dark hair, dark eyes, swarthy complexion, dresses well.

### GOOD REPORT ON MILLER

#### GUNMAN POSED AS INSURANCE MAN IN RENTING HOUSE.

The Owner, Newman E. McFarland, Investigated Oklahoma City References, Through Better Business Bureau.

Verne C. Miller, union station machine gun killer and former North Dakota sheriff, posed as an insurance man from Oklahoma City in renting the home of Newman E. McFarland at 6812 Edgemoor road in the Armour Hills district.

Mr. McFarland, who operates a cigar stand in the Pioneer Trust building at 1816 Baltimore avenue, said last night at police headquarters that Miller had been sent out to his house by a real estate company.

"I had advertised my furnished home for rent," said McFarland. "April 2 a real estate firm sent Miller out. Miller gave his name as V. C. Moore and said he was an insurance man and had been living in Oklahoma City. He was accompanied by his wife, who was about 33 years old and attractive. Both were well dressed."

"I asked the man for references and he gave me the name of a firm in Oklahoma City. I asked the Better Business Bureau to check up on the firm and the man. A favorable report came back."

**PAID \$75 A MONTH RENT.**

Two days later Miller, or Moore, and his wife came out and rented the house. The rent was \$75 a month and he paid it in advance. They admired the house and said they were sure they would like it. They paid their rent in advance three times.

"Sometime after they moved in, Miller telephoned me that the lock on the rear door was not working. I offered to send a man out to repair it. He told me not to mind about it, that he would have a new lock put on the door and deduct the charge from his rent. He said it would only amount to \$3 or \$4."

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# A GENTLE GANG

**Residents of 6800 Block on Edgemoor Road Surprised That  
Neighbors Were Killers.**

## MANY CARS WENT THERE

**W. T. Alford's 5-Year-Old Daughter  
Often Played With Girls in  
the Bungalow.**

## "C. MOORE" WAS SILENT

**He Never Answered Her Questions  
—Finally All Left Without  
Letting Anyone Know.**

More than two months the residents of the 6800 block on Edgemoor road's 6800 block accepted Verne C. Miller, the machine gunner of the union station massacre, as Mr. V. C. Moore, a retiring and not too inquisitive owner of a Chevrolet, and a golf player.

A pleasant plump blonde in her early 30s was accepted as Mrs. V. C. Moore. She was stylishly dressed, she spoke to her neighbor and once took her 16-year-old daughter, Betty Moore, to a dance. That was just before the massacre. Betty Moore, a gangling, freckle-faced little girl with yellow curls, blue eyes and becoming manners, was accepted as Mr. Moore's daughter. She did not resemble him, but that meant nothing. She looked very much like her mother.

The Moore family would have been accepted as an ordinary "nice family" had it not been for the unusual number of motor cars with out of state licenses parked in front of the house night and day.

**Some Cars Always There.**

Usually there were three or four motor cars in front of the house and at least two cars in the built-in garage. They were not the same cars every day. Most of them bore Kansas and Illinois licenses. One bore a Georgia license. They came and went and callers came and went with them. Young men carried golf bags and violin cases into the house and out again. Young women, fashionably dressed, called often.

A man who weighed 300 pounds often watered the lawn and a small man with red, curly hair romped on the lawn with Betty.

The house was ablaze at night and glasses tinkled. But the Moores did not disturb anybody. They were never suspicious or fond.

The house at 6812 Edgemoor road was innocent enough—a quiet little bungalow with white picketboards and stone pillars. It was known that the couple had rented it furnished, but so matter. One didn't have to be a permanent tenant to be accepted. The neighborhood was considerate and tolerant.

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## THE WEATHER—PARTLY CLOUDY.

Kansas City and Vicinity. Partly cloudy today; not much change in temperature.

The thermometer readings yesterday:

8 a. m.	67
9 a. m.	68
10 a. m.	69
11 a. m.	70
12 m.	71
1 p. m.	72
2 p. m.	73
3 p. m.	74
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One year ago yesterday, high 82, low 66. Precipitation in twelve hours ending 7 a. m.

Highest wind velocity yesterday, 12 miles. River stage 7 a. m. yesterday, 12.2 feet.

At 3 p. m. 7 a. m. Wood 7 p. m. thermometer 79.1 82.4 85.7 relative humidity 67 57 52

THE ALMANAC.  
Sun rises 4:53 a. m. Sets 8:07 p. m.  
Moon rises 7:38 a. m. Moon sets 3:23 a. m.  
Moon phase—Full moon July 7.  
Morning stars—Uranus, Saturn.  
Evening stars—Mars, Mercury, Venus, Jupiter, Neptune.

Detailed government observations and forecasts on page 2.

## 3.2 BEER TO HIGH COURT

### KANSAS TRIBUNAL HEARS HUTCHINSON CASE ARGUMENTS.

Early Decision Sought on Whether Malt Beverages, Regardless of Alcoholic Content, Can Be Banned.

(By the Associated Press.)

TOPEKA, July 5.—The Kansas supreme court heard attorneys' arguments today in the first case to come before it involving the legal status of 3.2 beer in the pioneer prohibition state.

State's attorneys requested an early ruling. Roland Boynton, attorney general, asserting "If this case would be decided before the summer recess, it would be a great help to us."

"The beer question is at white heat in Kansas now," Boynton added.

The court gave no indication as to when it would hand down its ruling. If an early decision is given, it may come down next Saturday along with other opinions in cases argued before the court in June.

In accordance with custom, the court will split into two divisions after handing down its monthly batch of opinions Saturday. The full court will not sit again until October. In the interim, it would be possible for a decision to be given by the court, should any four of the seven justices reach an agreement, although, customarily, one division does not make decisions in cases heard by the full court.

### HEARING ON HUTCHINSON CASE.

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# KNOW PLAZA KILLERS

Nation-wide Search on for Perpetrators of the Massacre That Cost Lives of Four Officers and a Convict.

## ONE MAN DID SHOOTING AND WAS SHOT

Verne C. Miller, the Killer, a Former Sheriff—Solly Weissman's Brother, William, Drove the Car.

The union station killers are known.

There were two of them in that appalling event that cost the lives of four officers and a government convict the morning of June 17.

The machine gunner was Verne C. Miller, a former sheriff of North Dakota, later a Chicago gunman, wanted in several cities for other crimes.

His partner was William Weissman, brother of Solly Weissman, notorious Kansas City gangster killed here a few years ago.

### A Nationwide Search for Them.

The two men are the objects of a nation-wide search by the Kansas City police department and the United States bureau of investigation.

Pictures and complete descriptions of the men have been circulated over the nation. Their capture is expected at an early date.

### Planned to Rescue Nash on Highways.

Miller and Weissman did not intend to attempt the rescue of Frank Nash, the convict, at the union station. Miller planned to follow the officers and their prisoner and overtake them on the road to Leavenworth prison, from which Nash escaped three years ago. At an opportune moment, he planned to get the drop on the officers and take Nash.

Weissman was there as driver of the car, because Miller had asked him. He was not a member of the Nash gang.

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## GOOD REPORT

### GUNMAN POSED MAN IN RENTS

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Mr. McFarland is living at Lake Tapawingo this summer. He was at the lake last night when an employee telephoned him that The Star had printed an extra edition on the case.

McFarland hurried in his car to the city and appeared at police headquarters about 11:30 o'clock. He was reluctant to talk about the case, saying he had been instructed by government officers and police not to discuss the matter. He refused to give the name of the realty firm which said Moore to him, also the name of the Oklahoma City firm given by the gangster as a reference.

Mr. McFarland described Miller's wife as about 5 feet 7 1/2 inches tall, weighing about 110 pounds, hair bleached to blond, brown eyes and long nose. She dressed neatly.

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"But don't mention my name," most of them said. "It's none of my business. I don't want to be mixed up in a machine gun massacre."

"As a matter of fact, nobody knew anything except Jo Ann Alford, 8-year-old daughter of William T. Alford, public administrator, and Mrs. Alford, 6621 Edgevale road. Jo Ann knew about all there was to know. She sat up in her nightgown and exclaimed with a peppy nod, 'Well, what do you know about that?'"

But who did she know about it?

Well, she was a Nice Playmate. Jo Ann solemnly as she drew lowered dressing gown around her feet. "Betty Moore was my playmate. When school was

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The Kansas bone dry law declares unlawful the manufacture, sale and possession of "any spirituous, malt, vinous, fermented or other intoxicating liquors."

"It never was in the mind of the legislature," Smith said, "to prohibit the manufacture, and sale, or keeping of vinous or malt beverages not intoxicating in fact."

The attorney for the beer dealers contended the supreme court had held that malt beverages are presumed to be intoxicating but that the question is rebuttable by evidence and that it is up to the court or jury sitting as the trier to determine whether they are intoxicating in fact.

The attorney pointed out his clients were not given an opportunity in the lower court to offer evidence in support of their contention that the beer they were selling "was not intoxicating and therefore not in violation of the law."

Judge Somers of the trial court held the brew, being a malt beverage and commonly designated as beer, was intoxicating liquor as a matter of law, and that the question of whether it was in fact intoxicating was incompetent.

#### GRAPE JUICE A VIOLATION?

"In the event this court should uphold Judge Somers," Smith said, "every bottle of near beer sold in this state is in violation of the prohibition laws of this state. If that is true, grape juice will be in violation of our liquor laws, malted milk will be in violation."

Attorney General Boynton and Max Wyman, Reno County attorney, stated in their brief filed with the court that it was their contention malt liquors containing 3.2 per cent alcohol, which is commonly called beer, was directly within the provisions of the statute prohibiting the sale of spirituous, malt, vinous, fermented or other intoxicating liquors and that it was not proper for a trial court to permit introduction of evidence showing whether or not the malt liquor was intoxicating.

"It was the intent of the legislature to make Kansas 'bone dry,'" they argued, "that is what the legislature thought they did, and that is what the people thought the legislature did. Now, if the people are not satisfied with the condition which was created back in 1917, when they were endeavoring to make the state 'bone dry,' this is a matter for legislative action and something in which the courts should not take jurisdiction."

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**Telephone Calls Give the Clue.**  
The police and the Bureau of Investigation found the trail of the Miller June 12 after they started searching telephone calls made between the Joplin and Joplin and between Joplin and Kansas City June 12, the day before the killing. They were out to Hot Springs and to St. Louis where records of long distance calls are filed in the home office of the southwestern Bell Telephone Company.

In that company it was learned a woman, Mrs. E. B. Connor, had telephoned to Herb Farmer of Joplin about 4:45 p. m. June 12. She was answered by Lacey, Smith and Reed on a street in the Springs earlier that day. At 12:30 that night, Herb Farmer in Joplin put in a long distance call to Jackson 7712 at Kansas City. This proved to be the telephone number of the house at 6512 Edgevale road.

**Weisman knew it by chance.**  
In that conversation Farmer told Miller of the capture of Nash, repeating the message from the gang in Hot Springs, as telephoned to Farmer by Mrs. Connor, that Miller should try to secure Nash. Weisman had called on Miller that afternoon. Miller needed help, and he got it with Weisman, asking him to drive the car. Neither expected shooting, although subsequent events proved they were prepared for it.

After Weisman agreed to aid, another call was put in to Herb Farmer in Joplin. It was from the union station in Kansas City, presumably by Miller, to learn on what train Nash and his escort were riding. The call was registered in at 12:05 a. m., June 17, the morning of the massacre.

**Find Edgevale Road House Vacated.**  
With that information and the address of the house on Edgevale road, the police and federal agents went to McFarland. He visited the house with the agents and together they entered. It had been vacated. McFarland did not know that his tenant had left. They found blood soaked rags which Miller had used on his arm wound, and a bag of roofing nails. The nails have wide heads and fragments flying in motor cars strewn them along the highway, to cause punctures on pursuing cars.

**Called the Landlord Once About a Lock.**  
Mr. McFarland, the owner, told the agents and the police that he was not in the house after he rented it to Miller and that the rent was paid to July 10. On one occasion, Mr. McFarland said, Miller called him and told him the lock on the back door was out of order. Mr. McFarland offered to send a man to repair it, but Miller protested, saying he would repair it and asked that the cost be deducted from the rent.

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**Others Involved Also Disappear.**  
When the police and federal agents completed the check of the telephone calls, they ordered the arrests of Mrs. Connor in Hot Springs and of Herb Farmer in Joplin. Both had disappeared, apparently June 19, the same day Miller and Weisman left Kansas City.

Weisman is known here also as William Westerman. So far as is known, this is his first major crime in Kansas City since his arrest here in 1923 for burglary. He is wanted in New Jersey for the murder of a prohibition agent, and in St. Louis for several crimes, including murder.

**Miller Started as an Embroiderer.**  
Miller's criminal career began in North Dakota, where he was a sheriff. He embezzled some funds and served a term in the North Dakota prison. His headquarters, after he took to underworld pursuits, was in Chicago, until the last few years, when he is believed to have operated in Oklahoma and Arkansas with the Nash-Bailey gang.

Farmer is a Joplin gambler, known as an associate of the Nash-Bailey gang. He lives on a 20-acre tract about seven miles south of Joplin. The place is suspected by Joplin police of being a stopping place for gangsters.

**Lived Here When Bailey Was Caught.**  
Farmer was living in a South Side hotel a year ago when Harvey Bailey was arrested with two companions on the Old Mission golf course. Bailey was sent to the Lansing prison for the robbery of the Fort Scott bank. He escaped in the Missouri day break.

Farmer was caught the night Bailey was taken away, when he was found in Bailey's car. He was arrested.

# TRAIN OF THE FOLLOWER

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# A GENTEEL GANG

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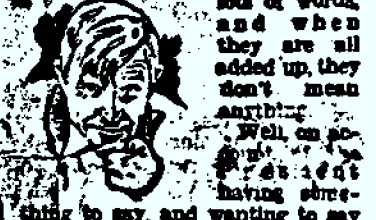
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"Mr. Moore was rather slim. He wasn't home much of the time, but when he came home with his bags sometimes, I asked him questions. He never answered a single one of them. He just looked at me and went on in the house. I don't remember what I asked him any questions.

"Mrs. Moore was very nice to me. But she wouldn't let me go into the attic. No, no. Betty and I could go up the attic stairs for anything. Betty's Things in Attic. Betty said she had some things up there to show me. That's why I went to go. I used to meet a lot of people. Betty's. There was the man who entered the house. He was

# Why a President Cuts Corners on Diplomacy

BEVERLY HILLS, CAL., July 3.—To The Star: Now Europe is saying it didn't get so sore at what Mr. Roosevelt said, as it did the way he said it. You see diplomats have a thing they call diplomatic language. It's just lots of words, and when they are all added up, they don't mean anything. Well, on the other hand, I don't have anything to say, and wanting to say it, there is no diplomatic language for that. A diplomat has a hundred ways of saying nothing, but no way of saying something. Because he has never had anything to say, that's why they call 'em diplomats.



I have always said that a conference was held for one reason only, to give everybody a chance to get sore at everybody else. Sometimes it takes two or more conferences to start up a war, but generally one will do it. I bet there was never a war between two nations that had never quarreled first.



# PRICE LIFTING NEXT KNOW PLAZA KILLERS

With World Recovery Sidetracked,  
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Chief Policy.

## SPUR TO RECOVERY PLAN

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## SELF-CONTAINMENT AHEAD

The Administration's Goal for Do-  
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WASHINGTON BUREAU  
THE KANSAS CITY STAR  
510 ALLEN BUILDING

(By The Star's Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, July 1.—Price-lifting will be the dominant policy of the Roosevelt administration, now that dreams of economic conquest in Europe have been dispated.

Oxygen will be pumped into domestic commodity prices by means of the national recovery program, and possibly with the aid of some of the extraordinary powers of currency and credit inflation, as life ebbs from the London economic conference.

President Roosevelt returned from his vacation apparently disillusioned about Europe, and determined to press harder than ever the policies of domestic self-containment.

Europe, too, disillusioned about the "great spiritual leader in the White House" of a few weeks ago, who once hinted wire shipments around its markets, and possibly over them, but it is "unlike" now, when France or England about whom the President is concerned at the time.

Goal Is 1924-25 Prices.

The goal of the Roosevelt administration in domestic policy is that of the 1924-25 period. According to reports of the department of commerce the wholesale commodity price index averaged 100 during the year 1924-25. In order to reach the present goal to that level, they would have to be increased more than one-third. That would be 47 per cent above the peak of the boom year of 1928, when wholesale commodity prices had begun to slide off ahead of the stock market collapse in the fall.

The price index of the department of commerce for May of this year was 62.7 per cent of 1926, which was about the same as the 1924-25 average. The compilation was made from the wholesale price of 784 representative commodities. Contrary to general belief, the 1924-25 wholesale price index then was not below 1926, and was slightly above 1929.

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### Telephone Calls Give the Clue.

The police and the bureau of investigation found the trail of the killers June 21, after they checked numerous telephone calls made between Hot Springs and Joplin and between Joplin and Kansas City June 19, the day before the killing. Men were sent to Hot Springs, and to St. Louis, where records of long distance calls are filed in the home office of the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company.

In Hot Springs, it was learned a woman, Mrs. E. R. Connor, had telephoned to Herb Farmer at Joplin about 4:43 p. m. June 19. Nash was captured by Lackey, Smith and Reed on a street in Hot Springs earlier that day.

At 10:09 that night, Herb Farmer in Joplin put in a long distance call to Jackson 7073 at Kansas City. That proved to be the telephone number of the house at 6613 Edgevale road.

### Weissman Into It by Chance.

In that conversation Farmer told Miller of the capture of Nash, repeating the message from the gang in Hot Springs, as telephoned to Farmer by Mrs. Connor, that Miller should try to rescue Nash. Weissman had called on Miller that afternoon. Miller needed help, and he got in touch with Weissman, asking him to drive the car. Neither expected shooting, although subsequent events proved they were prepared for it.

After Weissman agreed to aid, another call was put in to Herb Farmer in Joplin. It was from the union station in Kansas City, presumably by Miller, to learn on what train Nash and his escort were riding. The call was registered in at 12:05 a. m., June 17, the morning of the massacre.

### Fled Edgevale Road House Vacated.

With that information and the address of the house on Edgevale road, the police and federal agents went to McFarland. He visited the house with the agents and together they entered. It had been vacated. McFarland did not know that his house had left.

They found blood soaked rags which Miller had used on his arm wound, and a bag of roofing nails. The nails have wide heads, and handle sticking in motor cars drove them along the highway, to cause punctures on passing cars.

### Called the Landlord Once About a Lock.

McFarland, the owner, told the agents and the police that he was in the house after he closed it to Miller and that the rent was paid to July 15. On the morning, Mr. McFarland said, Miller called him and told him the lock on the back door was out of order. Mr. McFarland agreed to send a man to repair it, but Miller refused, saying he would do it himself and that he was in a hurry to leave.

On another occasion, Mr. McFarland said Miller called him and told him the house was getting hot. The owner, Mr. McFarland, offered to send a man to make repairs to shut out the sun. Again Miller refused to let the man in, saying he would get a man to do it himself. Miller said he would have the rent. Mr. McFarland gave Miller a V. C. Wilson the owner, which Miller rented the house.

### Others Involved Also Discovered.

When the police and federal agents examined the calls of the 1926 phone calls, they ordered the records of the Census in the Spring and of Herb Farmer in Joplin. Both had disappeared, apparently June 19, the night day Miller and Weissman left Kansas City.

Weissman is known here also as William Weissman. He is known to know, this is his first major crime in Kansas City since he went here in 1923 for burglary. He is wanted in New Jersey for the murder of a police officer, and in St. Louis for several crimes, including murder.

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"Mrs. Moore was very nice to me. But she wouldn't let me go into the attic. No, sir. Betty and I couldn't go up the attic stairs for anything."

#### Betty's Things in Attic.

"Betty said she had some things up there to show me. That's why I wanted to go."

"I used to meet a lot of people at Betty's. There was the large man who watered the lawn. He came sometimes with his wife and daughter Rosemary. I think they lived in the Visitation parish, over across Fifty-second and Main, somewhere. I didn't know their last name."

"A small young man with curly hair used to come to the house and play with me and Betty. Sometimes he played tag with us. Mr. Moore, I think, called him 'Red' and Betty called him 'Uncle Jim.' She said his name was Ward. I asked her whether he really was her uncle. Sometimes she said yes, sometimes no. I couldn't get a thing out of Betty, but she played jacks very well and danced, too."

"Just before they moved, I got her to go to dancing school with me. Her mother went along. The next day her mother brought little doll slippers for her. But poor Betty never used them. She had to move away. She often told me she might move at any time—to Chicago."

#### Always Expected to Leave.

"Well," she would say one day, "we're moving to Chicago Monday. When Monday came, she would say, 'It was the next Monday she meant to move. I asked her what her father did and she hesitated. Then, very slowly, she said, 'He lends money.'"

"She said her father played golf at Mission Hills and her mother at the Kansas City Country Club."

Mr. Alford took up the story there.

"They left in the night, evidently," he said. "They left the windows open as if to make it appear they still were living there. Then we noticed the newspapers were accumulating in the front yard. Betty never came to our house any more. So we supposed they had gone."

Another neighbor remembered that a truck drove up to the house about June 30 and was loaded in the basement garage.

"We wondered about that," he said. "Trucks usually are loaded outside. After the truck left, we never saw the Moores again. We never talked with them, but they seemed to be pleasant."

"Not long before they left, a yellow taxicab stopped in front of our house and I opened the door, thinking someone was coming to see us. A tall man I never seen before."

ing to say, and wanting to say, there is no diplomatic language for that. A diplomat has a hundred ways of saying something, but no way of saying something. Because he has never had anything to say, that's why they call 'em diplomats."

"I have always said that a conference was held for one reason only, to give everybody a chance to get sore at everybody else. Sometimes it takes two or more conferences to scare up a war, but generally one will do it."

"I bet there was never a war between two nations that had never conferred first."

—HOURS. —WALL.

climbed out with some difficulty as to the Moore house. He walked one of his feet had seen it. He looked hurt and dazed. I didn't go to the door. He walked into the basement garage. I think that was peculiar, don't you?"

**Portland, Ore., Author Dies.**  
PORTLAND, ORE., July 3.—(A.P.)—Mrs. Winifred Hunter-Brown Harper of Portland author, died today. For the last ten years she had collaborated with her husband, Theodore Harper, in the writing of several books.

**Lightning Kill an Ottoboman.**  
WOODWARD, OK., July 3.—(A.P.)—A 30-year-old man was killed by lightning today near Vici where he was on a highway job. Several fellow workers were stunned.

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The now supreme nationalistic program of the Roosevelt administration is expected to result in not only a greater stressing of the industrial and agricultural recovery programs, but also in the use of the huge public works fund to back up the purchasing power of the public in the payment of higher prices. Thus far, the administration has been forced to use the minimum amount of currency and credit inflation.

#### Gold Embargo to Stay

The policy of the United States will be to keep its gold indefinitely and to prevent shipments abroad. This country and France control about seven of the 11 billion dollars of the world's supply. Gold will not be used for international commerce, as Europe desires it to be. It will be used along with silver to support American currency.

As long as other countries run their currency up and down, or reduce the value of their commodities by cutting labor to the minimum, the administration sees no use to attempt international currency stabilization.

This country desires its neighbors first to stabilize their own currency with commodity prices. This country intends to pursue that policy. When that stability arrives, this country then may be willing to talk of international currency stabilization.

In the meantime England, France and the other countries may cry their eyes out, and call Uncle Sam all kinds of names, but there will be nothing doing.

The administration is placing much less emphasis now on the value of foreign trade. The balance between exports and imports varies little, an administration spokesman pointed out today. This country will not be called upon to forsake its domestic price-lifting program at this time for the promise of more European trade.

**If** you are looking for a carpenter to build a garage or cottage, a mason to build a cement walk—look over the "Contracting and Building" ads in the want ad columns and make a selection. Put a man to work.

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# Farm Home of Alleged 'Tip-Off' Man in Massacre Is on Isolated Road

## But Good Phone Service Always Is Insisted On by Herbert Farmer, Ex-Convict, Near Joplin.

By W. E. DRAPER

Special Journal-Post Correspondent

JOPLIN, MO., July 6.—Although the farm home of Herbert Farmer, former convict, is in an isolated spot on a lonely road about six miles south of Joplin, it was not difficult to rouse his telephone number Thursday morning. Farmer always has insisted on prompt service and while he did not answer the calls, his wife did.

Farmer has been accused by Ray Watson, Jasper county prosecutor, of being the "tip-off" man for the ruthless killers who executed the massacre at the Kansas City Union station, in which four officers and a convict, Frank Nash, were slain.

Telephone calls from Hot Springs to Joplin and from Joplin to Kansas City on the day preceding the Kansas City massacre have been traced to Farmer's home, Prosecutor Watson said Thursday morning. Watson has been looking for Farmer for about a week.

### Gone Ten Days.

Farmer left home ten days ago, according to his wife, and she insists she does not know where he is now.

Joplin police have an old picture of Farmer on file and his record shows that he was given a five-year suspended sentence November 14, 1914, at El Paso, Tex., for robbing a hotel, and that he also was fined \$100 and served ninety days in jail at Tulsa for assault.

Mrs. Farmer told the writer Thursday morning she has been at home every day for the last month and that no long distance calls were received at the house.

Ed Portley, chief of detectives here, said that Farmer had been suspected since the afternoon of the massacre, when Portley, with other Joplin police, went to Farmer's home and tried to find him. At that time telephone calls from Hot Springs had been traced to Farmer in Joplin.

### Suspected as Hideout.

Farmer has owned his farm for about five years and it long has been suspected of being hideout for men wanted for crimes of one kind and another. Farmer told his Joplin acquaintances that Hot Springs has been his headquarters for five years. He was said to have been a gambler there.

Farmer is about 6 feet tall and weighs 200 pounds. He is 38 years old and hard of hearing. Usually he wears a red mustache but now is smooth shaven. He dresses well and walks erect. He drives a Cadillac sedan with an Arkansas license and always stops at the best hotels. At the Farmer homestead, Mrs. Farmer and employees are caring for the farm chores.

### His Wife Returns.

Mrs. Farmer said that she had not heard from her husband since the morning of the Kansas City killing. He went to town that morning and was in a drug store on South Main street when news of the massacre came in over the radio from a Coffeyville station. He left at once and did not return to his home to pack his suitcase. His wife disappeared also but she came back the next day and has been home every day since then.

Farmer was seen on the streets several days before the Kansas City affair, but when in Joplin he spends most of his time at a South Main street drug store.

Ray Watson, county prosecutor, said Farmer has a hang out in Webb City. It was at this place he received telephone messages from Hot Springs and relayed them to Kansas City, presumably telling of Nash's leaving Hot Springs and the arrival at Kansas City.

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# CAPTURE IS SURE

Officers Believe Verne C. Miller and William Weissman Can Not Escape Now.

## ENTIRE NATION IN THE HUNT

Police and Federal Agents Everywhere Are Determined to See That They Are Caught.

Miller, a Desperate Killer, Probably Will Die Rather Than Give Up, It Is Said.

## HARVEY BAILEY IS LINKED

Circumstances Point to the Escaped Convict as Having a Part in the Case.

### BULLETIN.

It was learned that the search for the union station killers is widening for eight other persons in addition to Verne C. Miller, machine gunner, and William Weissman, pistol man, in the massacre.

The investigation, so far as police have learned, shows that at least two machine guns were used in killing four officers and a federal convict.

Harvey Bailey, convict who led the Memorial day break from the Kansas state prison at Lansing, also is sought.

"The union station plaza killers will be captured."

Thomas J. Higgins, chief of detectives, and federal investigators said today the case was hopeful of complete solution.

Out of the realm of mystery, the authorities had lifted two names, two black and stark figures of crime. Verne C. Miller and William Weissman, alias Bill Weiss, have been posted as objects of a nation-wide search.

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### Search Broadens Out.

Now the strategy of the investigation has shifted from one of quiet, eager intensity to one of broad scope in which the whole nation is asked to help.

Miller, once a South Dakota sheriff, who turned to crime as a Chicago gangster, and Weissman, who aided Miller in the massacre, know they are sought for the cruel station plaza killing June 17. Literally they are fleeing for their lives ahead of the persistent advance of the police and federal investigators.

"If fortune is with us," said Chief Higgins, "we will have Miller and Weissman. What I mean is, if the breaks fall to us as they have so far, we will get Miller, the machine gunner in the murder of the officers, but I cannot believe that he will be taken alive.

Will Have to Kill Him.

"He will not become a prisoner, because he is a killer and a desperate man. The police will have to kill him."

Chief Higgins declined to say anything about the extent of the search. He admitted the investigators were hopeful—"very hopeful," as he stated it.

So far as known, Miller and Weissman have gone their separate ways, each knowing he is the object of a search by police in all cities.

Chief Higgins used a term commonly attributed by police in reference to criminals who are sought for crimes where death is the penalty. "Hot" was the word for Miller.

"Verne Miller is 'hot' in this case," the chief said. "He is sought for killings in other cities as well as for the union station massacre here. That is why I believe Miller will never be taken alive."

### An Expert Machine Gunner.

Miller is an expert machine gunner who learned to use that deadly weapon in the war and who turned his skill as a killer against the law after he served a prison term for embezzlement of funds while he was a South Dakota sheriff.

At the United States bureau of investigation in the Federal Reserve Bank building today there was the usual orderly routine. But there was a calmness about those in the bureau which seemed ominous.

R. E. Vetterli, in charge of the bureau, declined to discuss the case, merely nodding his head affirmatively when asked if the account published in the morning edition of The Star conformed with the investigation so far by the federal agents.

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### Harvey Bailey Drawn In.

However, one question yielded an answer from Mr. Vetterli which indicated the government may have a third desperate man pegged in the nation-wide hunt. That man is Harvey Bailey, Oklahoma desperado, friend of Verne Miller and of Frank Nash, the convict who was killed in the massacre.

"Are you searching for Harvey Bailey?" was the question asked of Mr. Vetterli.

"Yes."

Harvey Bailey was one of the leaders of the Memorial day break from the Kansas state prison at Lansing and from the first officers have believed he may have had a part in the union station slaying.

"Do you believe Bailey was with Miller and Weissman when the officers were fired upon?" was another question to Mr. Vetterli.

"I decline to say anything more about this case," Vetterli said. "I shall discuss it only on orders from Washington."

It was learned that the latest development in the massacre, the announcement of the names of Miller and Weissman as the killers, had been discussed with J. Edgar Hoover, head of the United States bureau of investigation in Washington.

Vetterli spent several hours on the long distance telephone last night discussing the case with his chief. Probably not another case in recent years has attracted the earnest support of the Washington authorities as has the Kansas City massacre.

With the Kansas City police department co-ordinating the man hunt through the departments of other cities, and the United States bureau of investigation functioning with its usual efficiency, the broad picture now presented is of two men, accused of a black crime, fleeing before a steadily moving doom, with the powers at Washington watching the chase.

### Bears Out Their Theory.

From the first Vetterli and Chief Higgins have believed that the slaying of Frank Nash was out the original purpose of the gang. Investigations have tended to prove, according to Chief Higgins, that was correct; that the original intent of the gang was to liberate the convict, who faced a 25-year term and would probably be placed in solitary confinement if he were once behind the federal prison walls.

However, Nash was sitting in the driver's seat, temporarily, the officers intending to place him in the rear seat of their car before the journey started to Leavenworth.

It was possible that Miller and others mistook Frank Smith, Oklahoma federal agent, for the prisoner they had sought to release, since he was able to dodge down from the range of bullets and emerge, the only man, without a touch of the machine gun spray.

**Nash Was in Disguise.**

The result of the murderous blast was that W. J. Grooms and Frank Hermanson, city detectives; Otto Reed, chief of police at McAlester, Ok., one of Nash's captors at Hot Springs, and Raymond J. Caffrey, were killed. Nash was wearing a toupe and had a mustache, which may have caused the gang to mistake his identity.

Chief Higgins knows Verne Miller as a paid killer, one who used his skill as a machine gunner for hire. Usually he was "cut in" on major robberies, such as the 3-million-dollar bank robbery at Lincoln, Neb., a crime in which Harvey Bailey supposedly was a participant.

In the case of the union station massacre, Verne Miller was attempting to do a good turn for one of his gang friends, according to Chief Higgins, seeking to liberate Nash so that he would not have to pay out the long term awaiting him at Leavenworth.

**Description of the Union  
Station Killers.**

**VERNE C. MILLER**—35 years old, 5 feet, 8 inches tall, about 160 pounds, blond hair, blue eyes, snappy dresser, expert machine gun operator. Learned to use machine gun in the army.

**WILLIAM WHISSMAN**—35 years old, 5 feet, 8 inches tall, about 200 pounds, dark hair, dark eyes, swarthy complexion, dresses well.

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## TWO ACCUSED OF MASSACRE

Fugitive Pair  
As Killers of  
And Convict

KANSAS CITY, July

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Reppert, in a statement, detailed the police view of how the shooting occurred.

"Miller and Weisman parked Miller's sedan in the south parking lot opposite the east door of the station," Reppert said, "and when the Government officers came across the street with Nash and they saw them all in a group and without firearms in readiness to shoot, Miller and Weisman decided to take Nash at the station. Miller was armed with a machine gun and Weisman carried two .45 automatic pistols.

"Miller 'covered' the group and stated they wanted Nash. Detective Grooms (Detective W. J. Grooms, Kansas City, was one of the four killed), started shooting, the first shot striking Miller in the left arm, causing a slight flesh wound. Miller opened up with the machine gun, with the results as are already known. Nash was shot accidentally in the burst of fire."

The others killed were Detective Frank Hermanson, Agent Raymond Caffrey, of the Federal bureau of investigation, and Otto Reed, McAlester, Okla. chief of police.

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# CHATTY POLICE DIM CHANCE TO CATCH KILLERS

**Federal Agents Fear Plaza  
Machine Gunners Are  
Gone for Good.**

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**Publicity Tips Machine Gun-  
ners Off to Plans of  
Officers.**

## BULLETIN

Eight men are being sought in connection with the Union station massacre, it became known Thursday. The two participants named by the police were only a part of the gang which had a part in the killings.

**Pictures on Picture Page.**

With Kansas City police revealing the identity of the machine gunners who perpetrated the Union station plaza massacre June 17, federal authorities doubted Thursday that the slayers of four law enforcement officers and their prisoner ever would be brought to justice. If they are caught now it will be more a matter of chance than anything else.

A score of federal agents saw their work of three weeks blasted when police made public the progress the investigation had made. It was only by maintaining the utmost secrecy in their search for the ruthless slayers, federal authorities declared Thursday, that they hoped to apprehend the criminals who shot down the officers as they guarded Frank Nash, notorious bandit and killer, as he was being returned to Leavenworth federal penitentiary from which he escaped in 1930.

### Police at Cross Purposes.

Since the federal agents first were sent to Kansas City from a dozen cities in the emiddle West to track down the men who killed Raymond J. Caffery, department of justice agent; Frank Hermonson and William J. Grooms, city detectives; Otto Reed, chief of police of McAllister, Ok., and Nash, police have worked at divergent purposes, it was said Thursday.

Although the federal agents had agreed to cooperate with city detective assigned to the case, frequently they discovered the evidence was being withheld from them by the local investigators.

It was no secret at police headquarters that the Kansas City "break" it ahead of the federal investigators, thus receiving the credit for solution of the Union station plaza massacre and taking the stigma of the recent wave of major crimes off the department.

### Known to U. S. Man.

The fact that Vernon C. Miller, St. Paul gangster, was one of the machine gunners and that he had maintained a residence at 6812 Edgevale road, was known by the department of justice agents within a few days after the wholesale killing in front of the Union station. It was the discovery of that hideout that enabled the government men to establish the fact that Miller led the

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## POLICE EFFORTS TO CLEAR RECORD TIPS GANGSTERS

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attack on the men who guarded Nash the morning of June 17. They also discovered that Harvey Bailey was one of the men who participated in the attempted delivery which resulted in the death of the escaped convict.

Police named William Weissman as Miller's associate in the massacre. Weissman is not related to Solli Weissman, slain gangster, according to Harry Hirsch, former detective sergeant.

Considerable evidence obtained by the department of justice men still is unknown to police. They have established definitely that two machine guns were used by the gang in their attempt to release Nash.

### For Landing Break.

They also have learned that Miller rented the Edgevale road residence from its owner, Newman E. McFarland, April 10 for the express purpose of staging the Lansing penitentiary delivery, which brought about the release of Bailey and five other desperate convicts during a baseball game inside the prison walls Decoration day. Five other convicts, not in on the plot, took advantage of their opportunity and fled from the prison. Four of the latter have been captured.

Discovery of bloodstained bandages in the Edgevale road residence indicated to the investigators that Bailey, wounded in the calf of the leg at the time of the prison delivery, used the house for a hideout for several days after May 30. The men assigned to the case also learned that the wounded man received expert medical attention while hiding there after his escape.

### Little Support to Theory.

That fact gave little support to the police theory that a bullet from the revolver of Grooms wounded one of the machine gunners as he shot down his five victims in front of the Union station.

Police were "tipped" to the location of the gang hideout when residents of the neighborhood noticed that several men were watching what they believed was a vacant house. The federal agents had discovered the place and searched it, obtaining conclusive proof that Miller and several other criminals had spent more than two months there before their sudden departure June 30. Bailey joined them after his escape from the Kansas penitentiary May 30.

The first clew which directed the attention of federal agents to the Edgevale road house came as a result of checking long distance telephone calls from Hot Springs Ark., just before and after the massacre. Previously they had discovered that members of the Nash-Bailey gang had used Joplin as one of their headquarters.

### Relayed From Joplin.

When their investigation failed to reveal that any calls had been received in Kansas City directly from Hot Springs or towns in the vicinity of that Arkansas city, they checked to determine whether they had been relayed by way of Joplin. Then they discovered that a long distance call had been received at the farm of Herb Farmer, gambler, near Joplin from a Mrs. E. B. Connor at Hot Springs.

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With this slender clow to work on, federal agents then began a check of all calls made from Farmer's home and they discovered that one had been made June 16 to Jackson 7073. That was just a few hours after Farmer had received the call from Mrs. Connor at Hot Springs.

Investigation of the Jackson number revealed it was that of the residence at 6612 Edgevale road. A quiet check by the agents brought out the information that the owner of the property, McFarland, operator of a cigar stand in the Pioneer Trust building, had rented the property furnished April 10 to V. C. Moore and his family.

#### Learn "Moore's" Identity.

Several of the department of justice agents assigned to the task, of running down the murderers began a searching inquiry to obtain everything available about Moore. They soon discovered that actually he was Vernon Miller, gangster and killer and associate of Bailey and Nash.

The investigators also discovered that a man answering the description of Weissman visited the Edgevale residence the night of June 16. A few hours later—12:03 o'clock the morning of June 17—another telephone call was made, this time from the Union station to the home of Herb Farmer in Joplin. Agents believe that the last long distance communication was either by Miller or one of his associates to obtain confirmation of the report that Nash was on his way to Kansas City.

Early the morning of June 17—about 6 o'clock—Miller, Bailey and four associates in three cars drove to the Union station plaza and parked to await the arrival of the man they planned to rescue.

#### Wait More Than Hour.

For more than an hour the killers sat in their cars or walked in front of the station, watching carefully for the appearance of Nash and his guards. One of their number made several inquiries concerning the time of arrival of the train from Fort Smith, Ark. When it arrived at 7:12 o'clock June 17 with Nash and his guards, Reed, Frank Smith and L. J. Lackey, the latter two agents of the United States bureau of investigation, the killers went back to their cars and seized their weapons.

At the station Caffrey, R. E. Vetterli, in charge of the Kansas City office of the United States bureau of investigation, Grooms and Hermanson joined the guards. They walked with them through the station and across the plaza to where

Caffrey's car was parked.

Caffrey carried a police riot gun, but none of his companions exhibited any weapons. When they reached the parked car, in which the prisoner was to be taken to the federal penitentiary at Leavenworth, Reed, Smith and Lackey entered and took the rear seat. Nash was in the act of getting out of the wheel to the driver in front when he nounced their presence.

"Up! Up! Put 'em

Two Fired

Grooms and Caffrey were the first to realize an attempt was underway to free their prisoner. The former drew his revolver and fired in the direction from which the command came. Caffrey succeeded in firing one charge from the riot gun when the gangsters' machine gun began sounding.

Someone heard one of the men shout as the two officers fired:

"Let 'em have it!"

Machine gun fire came from two directions, subsequent investigation has revealed.

Caffrey, Grooms and Hermanson, who stood just to the right of the car in which their companions and their prisoner were seated, fell with machine bullets in their heads. Whether that burst of fire also killed Reed and Nash so far has not been determined, since events moved too fast for the surviving members of the party to recall. Lackey was shot three times through the body, but Smith, who sat between him and Reed escaped by crouching down in the car. Vetterli, standing at the rear of the vehicle, received a flesh wound in one arm.

#### From Two Directions.

Witnesses who watched the massacre and evidence left by the bullets fired by the killers furnished almost conclusive proof that bursts of machine gun fire came from two directions. Federal authorities have the names of several witnesses who saw two cars speed away as the officers and their prisoners lay dying in the Union station plaza.

The police, in presenting their version in a prepared statement, failed to explain the fact that one of the victims was struck by a ball bearing, which probably was fired from a shotgun.

From descriptions of car seen speeding southward, the investigators believe the cars proceeded to Broadway and then by a circuitous route to the Edgevale road hideout, where the killers remained until their hurried departure three days later.

#### Floyd Considered

Every gangster known by police to have used machine guns sometime in perpetrating crimes was hunted as a suspect in the killing. The police investigators even gave serious consideration to the possibility that "Pretty Boy" Floyd, Oklahoma bandit and killer, was responsible, although later investigation revealed that he was fleeing across Missouri at the time of Nash's capture in Hot Springs and had no opportunity to learn any of the details.

After the Floyd theory had been exploded, police began a search for Earl Doyle, one of the men who participated in the holdup of a North Kansas City bank messenger last February. They had little to support that theory, other than that he was desperate and had engaged in a battle with a posse while making his escape after that robbery.

#### U. S. Men Point Head.

While police were busily engaged checking rumors and false leads, department of justice men were forging ahead with their investigation. In keeping with their plan to cooperate with local authorities, they finally put the city detectives on the right trail. B. H. Thurman, former chief of detectives, was assigned to handle the city's end of the search for the killers.

Just as Thurman's investigation began to show progress, he was summarily dismissed last Sunday. No reason was given. But because of the good work he had done he was employed by the government to continue his investigation.

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## Police Turn Tipsters For Plaza Killers

Apparently stung by public indignation over the crime wave that has given Kansas City a black name second only to that of Chicago throughout the nation, the Kansas City police department has turned tipster for criminals in an attempt to make it appear it is doing something about the Union station plaza massacre.

If the killers who murdered five men and wounded two others in the worst crime of its character in the history of the country are never caught, responsibility can be charged up to the police department—a department so inefficient that the name of the city has become a byword.

In violation of all principles of competent police work, Eugene C. Leppert, director of police, and Chief of Detectives Higgins Wednesday night gave out, with permission to print it, information warning the station plaza murders that they are known and are being sought.

This information, for the most part, was assembled by federal agents, but the police claimed credit for it in an attempt to rehabilitate the department in public opinion.

The Journal-Post has been in possession of all of the facts in connection with the station plaza crime for more than a week, but readily entered an agreement with R. E. Vetterli, chief department of justice agent here, not to print anything until the murderers were captured. The agreement was kept even to the point of killing a story after it ran in one edition because Mr. Vetterli thought it might possibly cause the killers to think they were known.

Public welfare and law enforcement have always meant too much to the Journal-Post to permit it to obstruct justice. It kept its agreement not to publish the McElroy kidnaping until Miss Mary McElroy was safe and it kept faith with Mr. Vetterli in the station massacre. If the murderers escape unwhipped of justice the conscience of this newspaper will be clear.

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## NEIGHBORS REPORT ON IT

The Work Is Completed, However,  
Before Any Officers Reach  
the Scene.

## TEN DAYS AFTER SLAYINGS

Gang Had Left Bungalow at 6612  
a Week Before Transfer of  
Furnishings.

A white clapboard bungalow, sitting attractively but inconspicuously on Edgevale road, just south of Sixty-sixth street, was the cynosure of many eyes today. It was 6612 Edgevale, the home where Verne C. Miller, perpetrator of the union station massacre the morning of June 17, had lived. It was the home to which he and William Weissman, companion killer, fled after they had left five men dead on the union station plaza. The house is thickly shrubbed and is on a terrace, its basement garage opening onto Edgevale road. It is comfortable in appearance from the outside and on the inside. Its owner, Newman E. McFarland, certainly had no idea he was renting it to a murderer when a man who called himself V. C. Moore moved into the place with a woman who supposedly was his wife and her 10-year-old child.

### Detective Story Magazines.

There were empty beer bottles on the top of the refrigerator in the house today, and detective and adventure magazines lying about. One of the magazine covers blazoned luridly, "How I Trapped the Five Murderers of a Los Angeles Policeman," and another said, "Capturing the One-Handed Terror of the South."

Oriental rugs were on the floor and one double bed and two twin beds were in two bedrooms downstairs. Things were scattered about as though Miller and Weissman had departed in a hurry the Monday after the killing, when they finally decided to flee the place. Nothing that had belonged to Mr. McFarland was taken, apparently, however.

Miller had lived at the house two months before the killing and his movements naturally had been noticed by the neighbors. He was great for playing golf, always leaving and returning with golf clubs over his shoulder. He manifestly belonged to no golf club, however, as he probably would have left his clubs in a locker there if he had been a club member.

### Asked Neighbors to Watch.

When the police and federal agents discovered the Edgevale road house had been the headquarters of the murderers, they gave binoculars to neighbors nearby and asked them to use their spare time watching for anybody who went into or out of the house. The neighbors were a husband and wife.

June 27, ten days after the massacre and just a week before the Fourth of July, the wife was watching the house when she saw a truck from a local transfer company go to the basement garage and take from it some springs, a mattress, a washing machine, a floor lamp, some cartons, some bedding and quilts. The truckman was directed by a big man, red-faced, either light or gray-haired, heavy, with a full stomach. It was hot and he mopped his face repeatedly with his handkerchief as he gave orders.

He had driven near the house in a light brown Packard sedan, which he had parked on Sixty-sixth street terrace, headed east.

after the shooting, although it is known the men did.

It was only when papers began piling up, uncopied, on the front porch and in the yard that the neighbors knew the house was empty.

## MYSTERY AT THEIR HOME.

Neighbors Recall Strange Incidents on Edgevale Road.

The bungalow at 6612 Edgevale road became known in the neighborhood as the "House of Mystery" almost with the arrival of the "Moore's," presumably from Chicago. The bustle and bustle of taxicabs to and from the house first attracted the curiosity of neighbors. Cabs arrived and left at all hours of the day and night. Visitors did not tarry outside. They dashed up the steps two at a time, hurried across the porch and often were admitted by persons inside who apparently were watching for their arrival.

### Away in a Hurry.

A telephone bell would ring. A few minutes later a cab would arrive and a man would hurry out of the house, get in and drive away swiftly.

Mostly, the cabs arrived headed south on Edgevale and moved away toward Sixty-sixth street terrace, where they turned west and proceeded a block to Main, where they turned northward.

The men seldom spent much time outdoors. "Moore" sometimes exercised a large yellow dog, which neighbors considered "mean."

Only when a stranger tried to go into the yard did the dog raise a disturbance," one recalled today. "Then someone in the house always shut it up. The dog was kept chained to the front porch."

"Moore" occasionally walked up and down the block, sometimes in daylight, but more frequently at night. Once he had to chase the dog through the neighborhood when it pursued another dog. Neighbors today recalled "Moore's" voice, as he called after the dog, was anything but pleasant. It was harsh, surly, venomous, they said.

"But, knowing now that he is a killer perhaps makes us think of that incident in that way," they explained.

### A Devotee of Golf.

Mostly, the neighbors merely wondered what Moore's business was, for he played golf almost every day, departing sometimes with one or more men from the house and sometimes with men who drove past and picked him up. He usually carried his golfing equipment with him, neighbors recalling he had a large caddy bag well filled with an assortment of clubs such as usually would be associated with a golfer above the duffer class.

There was little hilarity in the "House of Mystery" and no parties with participants growing so rough that the attention of neighbors would be attracted. However, bottles found in the home indicate there was drinking. Food supplies were purchased in large quantities, one neighbor recalling that shortly after the arrival of the new residents a grocery truck driver carried in nearly a dozen large boxes.

"We didn't notice another grocery truck there for two weeks," one neighbor said.

### Tags From Several States.

Licenses from six states were noticed on cars parked at the home in a period of forty-eight hours. Tags of Illinois, Minnesota and Oklahoma predominated in the visiting machines. Once there was one from Louisiana. Another time there was one from New York. The car "Moore" apparently drove most carried an Illinois license, but none of the neighbors jotted its number down.

The police and federal agents say "Moore" and his companion returned to the house after the shooting,

man, heavy and perspiring, hurried the child into the house and departed.

None of the neighbors noticed when the "Moore's" left, that being the last sign of activity until the middle of the week, when someone cleared the lawn of papers.

### A Deserted Bungalow.

For a week after that, when someone hauled a truck up before the house and hauled away the household goods, which consisted of a small bed, a washing machine and some things wrapped in sheets, the "House of Mystery" apparently was deserted.

"The two women seen there virtually all the time were very attractive," one neighbor said. "One was blonde and the other brunette. They were excellent dressers and well-mannered. The child was cute and practiced tap and other dancing steps frequently on the front porch."

It is difficult for Edgevale road residents to believe the story that "Moore" could write his name in a space ten feet long with a machine gun at twenty-five paces. It is difficult for the neighbors to associate those women and that little girl with the killing of five men by a cool, calm man who sprayed machine gun bullets with the same abandon as he sprayed water on the lawn at the Edgevale house.

"But there always was something queer about the goings on at the house," the neighbors now admit.



Investigation of the highway road house had been the headquarters of the murderers, they gave directions to neighbors nearby and asked them to leave their spare time watching for anybody who went into or out of the house. The neighbors were a true band and wife.

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## Description of the Union Station Killers.

**VERNE C. MILLER**—35 years old, 5 feet, 8 inches tall, about 160 pounds, blond hair, blue eyes, snappy dresser, expert machine gun operator. Learned to use machine gun in the army.

**WILLIAM WEISSMAN**—35 years old, 5 feet, 8 inches tall, about 200 pounds, dark hair, dark eyes, swarthy complexion, dresses well.

## JO ANN HAS NO DOUBTS

### PICTURES OF KILLERS DISCUSSED BY ALFORD CHILD.

As a Companion to Daughter of the "Moore," She Heard Conflicting Reports of Neighbors, However.

Jo Ann Alford pointed with 9-year-old positiveness today at a picture of the union station machine gunner. "That's Mr. Moore," she said. "Betty's dad."

She then was shown the picture of a dark, fat man, William Weissman, 2-revolver man who aided "Mr. Moore" in the slaughter of five men. "He's the man who drove the big tan sedan," Jo Ann said. "He took Rosemary in the car."

### LIVES ACROSS THE STREET.

Jo Ann lives at 6621 Edgevale road, across the street from 6612, where lived Verne C. Miller, alias V. C. Moore, the machine gunner. Betty was the 10-year-old daughter of "Mrs. Moore," a slender platinum blond, who knew neat house dresses from slouchy house dresses and always wore neat ones. Mrs. Moore had flashy brown eyes, beaded eyelashes, smooth skin and a baby voice. She had the same kind of voice as Betty. "Sometimes," a neighbor woman said, "it was hard to tell who was speaking. Betty or her mother. They were both bright, clever-looking."

Jo Ann and Betty played jacks together, colored story book pictures, went toe dancing in Ruth Shafston's classes at Manor hall. Jo Ann will never get over being surprised at how well Betty danced. She was placed in an advanced class in toe and tap dancing.

### TELLS OF CHICAGO.

"She said she had lived down in the country all her life," Jo Ann said. "But she told her dancing teacher she had been taking lessons four years in Chicago."

After Betty and the Moores left the home abruptly June 19, Jo Ann never saw Betty at dancing school again. Rosemary was in the dancing classes as late as last week, however. Rosemary, 6, has an impediment in her speech. Jo Ann told Rosemary she understood Betty had gone to Chicago.

"No," said Rosemary, "she's gone to Brainerd, Minn."

This was being checked by government agents, vastly interested in capturing "Mr. Moore."

### TWO DAYS AFTERWARD.

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"Where's your daddy?" she asked Betty.

## 'GET ALL KILLERS'

The Government Spreads Out for the Capture of the Entire Nash-Bailey Gang.

## LANSING CONVICTS IN IT

Circulars Are Distributed Naming Six Who Escaped as Participants in Massacre.

With Verne Miller and William Weissman, the Desperadoes Are Accused of Murder.

## FLOYD ALSO IS DRAWN IN

The U. S. Pickup Order Included the Name of the Notorious Outlaw.

A clean sweep of the gang that took part in the union station massacre with the two immediate killers named by the police, Verne C. Miller and William Weissman, alias Bill Weiss, was ordered today by the government in Washington. An agent of the United States bureau of investigation this afternoon placed in the hands of Sheriff Thomas B. Bash six circulars calling for the arrest of six men, all members of the Bailey-Nash gang of outlaws.

### Sent From the Capital.

The circulars were among thousands being sent from Washington under direction of J. Edgar Hoover, director of the United States bureau of investigation of the department of justice.

For the first time it was learned officially that Harvey Bailey, gang leader, who was a leader of the Memorial day prison break at Lansing, was one of the crew that killed four officers and their prisoner, Frank Nash, a running mate in crime of Bailey.

The circulars also called for the arrest of Charles A. (Pretty Boy) Floyd, Oklahoma outlaw and killer, whose name has been injected into the speculations regarding the union station massacre.

With the six criminals listed in the circulars, and the two definitely named as the leading gunners, Verne Miller and William Weissman, the scope of the investigation had changed to a cleanup of the entire mob of Harvey Bailey and Frank Nash.

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"He has a pain in his stomach. He's gone to see the doctor."

#### RECEIVER IN WALK MARATHON.

Judge Bell Names Arch Wallace on Petition of Mrs. B. A. Byam.

A walking marathon at Fairmount Park passed into a receivership today by action of Judge C. Jasper Bell of the Independence division of the circuit court. Arch P. Wallace, 11201 Van Horn road, was made receiver.

The court acted on a petition filed by Mrs. Beatrice A. Byam, 702 Ash avenue, Fairmount district, who alleges she advanced \$592 to the contest corporation and that she had reason to believe her investment was in jeopardy.

#### CHARGES IN KIDNAP PLOT.

Harry M. Johnston Repents as He Awaits His Accuser.

Harry M. Johnston, 68-year-old confessed extortionist, was bowed in repentance today at police headquarters, where he was awaiting the arrival of Mr. and Mrs. William P. Browning, Jr., whose 17-year-old son he threatened to kidnap unless he was given \$10,000. The parents of William H. Browning, the intended victim, were to go with Johnston to the prosecutor's office.

In the police show-up this morning the former employee of the youth's grandfather, William P. Browning, repeated that his threats were actuated by a desire to speculate in the wheat market. He had heard of other persons making fortunes in that manner in the last few weeks, he said.

Johnston told detectives he had no intention of carrying out his kidnaping threats or of harming the grandson of the widow of his former employer. When told that Mrs. William P. Browning was in Menorah hospital suffering from nervous exhaustion brought on by his threats, Johnston expressed sorrow and said he did not realize the mental upheaval he had caused in the family.

Walter Tracy Breaks Free.

St. JOSEPH, Mo., July 6.—Walter Tracy, known in police circles in Kansas City and St. Joseph, escaped from the Buchanan County jail here some time between midnight and 7 o'clock this morning. He was being held here for safe keeping, awaiting trial in Gentry County on a charge of bank robbery.

A Leavenworth Pioneer Dies.

LEAVENWORTH, Kas., July 6.—Mrs. Bertha Borchardt, 74 years old, pioneer resident of Leavenworth County, died here today after a short illness. She was born in Pomerania, Germany, June 18, 1859. She was married to August Borchardt and they celebrated their golden wedding anniversary three years ago.

Floyd, Oklahoma outlaw and killer, whose name has been injected into the speculations regarding the union station massacre.

With the six criminals listed in the circulars, and the two definitely named as the leading gunners, Verne Miller and William Weissman, the scope of the investigation had changed to a cleanup of the entire mob of Harvey Bailey and Frank Nash.

Separate One for Floyd.

Five of the circulars called for the arrest of these men, all of whom escaped from the Kansas prison last Decoration day: Wilbur Underhill, Harvey Bailey, Ed Davis, James Clark and Robert G. (Bob) Brady. The sixth circular called for the arrest of "Pretty Boy" Floyd.

Each of the circulars bore a picture of the man sought in connection with the killing of the officers and their prisoner, Nash. It was stated explicitly that each man was sought in connection with "the murder of Otto Reed, chief of police at McAlester, Ok.; William J. Grooms and Frank E. Hermanson, police officers of Kansas City, Mo.; Raymond J. Caffrey, special agent of the United States bureau of investigation, and their prisoner, Frank Nash at Kansas City, Mo., June 17, 1933."

Law enforcement officers throughout the nation were asked to send further information to the nearest bureau of investigation and if the prisoners are apprehended it is requested that the nearest bureau be notified, together with the director in Washington, J. Edgar Hoover, who signed the circulars.

Now the strategy of the investigation has shifted from one of quiet, eager intensity to one of broad scope in which the whole nation is asked to help.

Miller, once a South Dakota sheriff who turned to crime as a Chicago gangster, and Weissman, who aided Miller in the massacre, know they are sought for the cruel station plaza killing June 17. Literally they are fleeing for their lives ahead of the persistent advance of the police and federal investigators.

Won't Be Taken Alive.

"If fortune is with us," said Chief Higgins, "we will have Miller and Weissman. What I mean is, if the breaks fall to us as they have so far, we will get Miller, the machine gunner in the murder of the officers, but I cannot believe that he will be taken alive."

"He will not become a prisoner, because he is a killer and a desperate man. The police will have to kill him."

Circulars have been sent broadcast from Kansas City to police departments throughout the United States asking the arrest of Miller and William Weissman, alias Bill Weiss.

Chief Higgins said that both Miller and Weissman know they are the objects of an intensive search and that



both men were aware they were sought in the union station killing before the circulars were sent out.

So far as known, Miller and Weissman have gone their separate ways, each knowing he is the object of a search by police in all cities.

Chief Higgins used a term commonly attributed by police in reference to criminals who are sought for crimes where death is the penalty. "Hot" was the word for Miller.

"Verne Miller is 'hot' in this case," the chief said. "He is sought for killings in other cities as well as for the union station massacre here. That is why I believe Miller will never be taken alive."

#### An Expert Machine Gunner.

Miller is an expert machine gunner who learned to use that deadly weapon in the war and who turned his skill as a killer against the law after he served a prison term for embezzlement of funds while he was a South Dakota sheriff.

At the United States bureau of investigation in the Federal Reserve Bank building today there was the usual orderly routine. But there was a calmness about those in the bureau which seemed ominous.

R. E. Vetterli, in charge of the bureau, declined to discuss the case, merely nodding his head affirmatively when asked if the account published in the morning edition of The Star conformed with the investigation so far by the federal agents.

#### Harvey Bailey Drawn In.

However, one question yielded an answer from Mr. Vetterli which indicated the government may have a third desperate man pegged in the nation-wide hunt. That man is Harvey Bailey, Oklahoma desperado, friend of Verne Miller and of Frank Nash, the convict who was killed in the massacre.

"Are you searching for Harvey Bailey?" was the question asked of Mr. Vetterli.

"Yes."

Harvey Bailey was one of the leaders of the Memorial day break from the Kansas state prison at Lansing and from the first officers have believed he may have had a part in the union station slaying.

"Do you believe Bailey was with Miller and Weissman when the officers were fired upon?" was another question to Mr. Vetterli.

"I decline to say anything more about this case," Vetterli said. "I shall discuss it only on orders from Washington."

It was learned that the latest development in the massacre, the announcement of the names of Miller and Weissman as the killers, had been discussed with J. Edgar Hoover, head of the United States bureau of investigation in Washington.

Vetterli spent several hours on the long distance telephone last night discussing the case with his chief. Probably no other case in recent years has attracted the earnest support of the Washington authorities as has the Kansas City massacre.

With the Kansas City police department co-ordinating the man hunt through the departments of other cities, and the United States bureau of investigation functioning with its usual efficiency, the broad picture now presented is of two men, accused of a black crime, fleeing before a steadily moving doom, with the powers at Washington watching the chase.

#### Bears Out Their Theory.

From the first Vetterli and Chief Higgins have believed that the slaying of Frank Nash was not the original purpose of the gang. Investigations have tended to prove, according to Chief Higgins, that was correct; that the original intent of the gang was to liberate the convict, who faced a 25-year term and would probably be placed in solitary confinement if he were once behind the federal prison walls.

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Miller's desperate, shrewd type was in Kansas City may have some connection with the smuggling of pistols into the Kansas state prison so that Harvey Bailey and other convicts obtained them for use in the Memorial day break.

Chief Higgins was asked if Agent Lackey of Oklahoma had identified the pictures of Verne Miller and Weissman. The chief said he "knew nothing about that."

## RUTH'S BAT HELPS

(Continued From First Page.)

council of war with their stars in separate hotels and then took their time about arriving at the scene of action.

#### Steals Connie's Staff.

McGraw was a real fashion plate attired in a brown sack suit and straw hat. He grinned as he displayed a score card.

"Connie's got nothing on me," he beamed as he referred to the veteran Mack's system of score card waving.

Joe McCarthy, manager of the world championship Yankees, sat on the American League "home club" bench ready to assist Connie in the master minding.

Bill Walker, Cardinal southpaw, tossed 'em up for the National League stars in batting practice. Chuck Klein was the first to ram one of Bill's slants out of the park. Chick Hafey, Cincinnati's bespectacled outfield star, duplicated the blow. Others were satisfied to smash hard balls through the infield.

Connie Mack arrived togged in his usual blue serge suit and waving the inevitable score card.

#### Storm Ticket Windows.

So great was the demand for tickets that thousands charged around the entrances willing to pay any price for a seat selling for \$1.10 or a box seat costing \$1.65. Speculators had no trouble in getting rid of box seats at \$10 apiece, while the cheaper seats were snapped up at \$5.

All seats were sold three days ago, and there were no box offices open at the ball park. The unlucky ones couldn't even climb a tree or a telegraph pole in the vicinity of Comiskey Park because there were no trees or poles to climb.

Babe Ruth, after making his appearance in the ever-shifting panorama of stars, sat himself down in the American League dugout. Ruth took no interest in the proceedings; to him it was just another ball game.

Mack, the American League manager, didn't go near his players until just a few minutes before the game started. He remained away from the dugout, causing the American League stars to wonder where he was.

#### NEWS POLICY INTO RECORD.

Reversal of Doherty's Paper on Utilities in as Evidence.

W. S. Hogsett, commissioner before whom depositions are being taken in the 1/2-million-dollar suit of I. N. Watson, lawyer, against the Kansas City Journal-Post, Henry L. Doherty of New York and W. Laurence Dickey, ruled today the reversal of that newspaper's policy with respect to gas rates in Kansas City could be shown as evidence of the control exercised by Doherty over its policies since he purchased a one-half interest in August, 1931.

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It was possible that Miller and others mistook Frank Smith, Oklahoma federal agent, for the prisoner they had sought to release, since he was able to dodge down from the range of bullets and emerge, the only man, without a touch of the machine gun spray.

#### Nash Was in Disguise.

The result of the murderous blast was that W. J. Grooms and Frank Hermanson, city detectives; Otto Reed, chief of police at McAlester, Ok., one of Nash's captors at Hot Springs, and Raymond J. Caffrey, were killed. Nash was wearing a toupée and had a mustache, which may have caused the gang to mistake his identity.

Chief Higgins knows Verne Miller as a paid killer, one who used his skill as a machine gunner for hire. Usually he was "cut in" on major robberies, such as the 2-million-dollar bank robbery at Lincoln, Neb., a crime in which Harvey Bailey supposedly was a participant.

In the case of the union station massacre, Verne Miller was attempting to do a good turn for one of his gang friends, according to Chief Higgins, seeking to liberate Nash so that he would not have to pay out the long term awaiting him at Leavenworth.

The fact that Miller obtained a hideout in a respectable neighborhood at 6612 Edgevale road in the Armour Hills district was in line with a policy of the gang. Bailey was living at a hotel on Ward parkway when he was arrested on the Old Mission golf course while playing golf. Two other gangsters, Keating and Holden, were also playing golf on the course and were arrested to be sent back to Leavenworth.

In all cities where the gangsters have been centering they have affected manners of, business men, adopting prosperous mannerisms, yet living quietly without any show of their underworld connections.

So far as known Weissman was not regarded as a "tough" gangster, at least not of the desperado type of Verne Miller. Chief Higgins said today he was not certain whether the William Weissman, alias Bill Weiss, sought in the station massacre, was a brother of Solly Weissman, Kansas City gangster and gambling racketeer who was slain several years ago.

#### Another Does Not Believe It.

Harry Hirsch, former city detective, who arrested Solly's brother in connection with a tailor shop robbery about ten years ago, said today he did not believe the William Weissman sought in this case was Solly's brother.

Chief Higgins said he did not know that Verne Miller had ever participated in any holdups in Kansas City. It is probable he may have maintained his hideout in Kansas City, keeping a respectable "front," in the rented cottage at 6612 Edgevale road. He may have operated out of Kansas City, the chief believed.

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Dickey testified yesterday that Doherty owned 5,000 of the publishing company's 10,000 shares of common stock, and that the New York gas magnate had purchased 1/4 million dollars in bonds issued by the company, and since April or May, 1932, had advanced to the newspaper additional sums totaling approximately \$350,000.

## SLASH THE K. U. BUDGET.

Reduction of \$517,000 Made for Current Year.

(By The Star's Own Service.)

LAWRENCE, Kas., July 6.—The approved University of Kansas budget for the current fiscal year, as announced today from the office of the chancellor, shows a reduction of \$517,000, or 30 per cent, under the basic budget of two years ago.

The reduction is due to a 28 per cent reduction in legislative appropriations, a 25 per cent reduction in student fees, the absorption of balances and reserves during the past two years and the decrease in income from fees because of a reduction in enrollment.

General salary reductions range from 15 to 25 per cent on the basis of 1931-32 salaries, except in the case of Chancellor E. H. Lindley, whose salary was reduced 30 per cent.

In addition to salary reductions various departments have been curtailed and the faculty has been reduced as enrollment permitted. A number of staff members have been placed on part time and vacancies due to the resignation or graduation of assistants have not been filled.

The regular program of building and grounds improvements has been cut by a 33 per cent reduction in the appropriation and departmental maintenance allotments have been reduced about 30 per cent. Miscellaneous emergency entrenchments include shortening library hours, discounting the weather bureau service that has been carried on for sixty-six years, reducing clerical and office assistance and declaring a moratorium on all museum work.

#### Millions in Relief Grants.

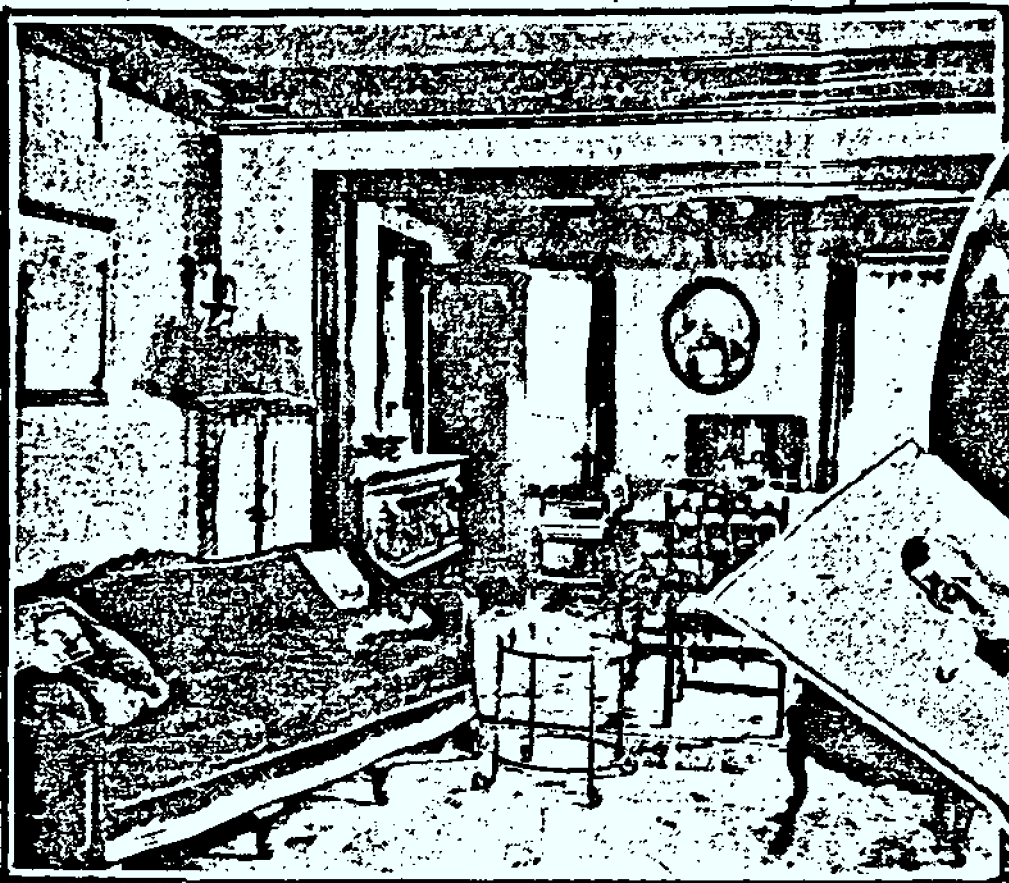
WASHINGTON, July 6.—(A. P.)—A grant of 3 1/2 million dollars to Illinois was announced today by Harry L. Hopkins, federal relief administrator. Hopkins also announced a disbursement of \$4,377,898 to New York state. Previously an award of \$7,434,663 was made to Illinois.

#### Bullet Wounds Fatal to Mexican.

A Mexican, identified only as "Davidios," died today at General hospital as the result of two bullet wounds in the chest. He was shot while taking a coal car. The police found the person who shot

## THE KANSAS CITY STAR

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The afternoon of the murders, Jo Ann Alford was curious about the absence of Moore, the man who was known to her as Betty Moore's father. Betty told Jo Ann that her father had gone to the doctor because he had stomach trouble."

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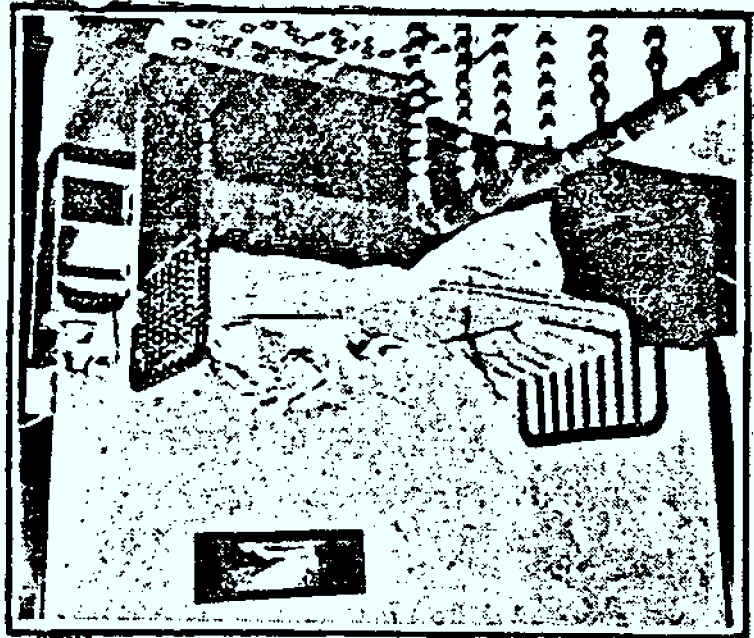
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Investigations of the slaying of four officers and their prisoners at Kansas City, June 17, are seeking Verne C. Miller, today stirred memories of a man who came here at the close of the World War, as a self-styled military hero, became sheriff, partly because of his ability with guns; then left town an embittered.

The Verne C. Miller who came here brought tales of bravery overseas for his work as a city policeman at St. Louis from the French government. He was arrested, convicted and sentenced to a term in the state penitentiary at St. Paul. Two years later he was released from prison he was believed to have gone to St. Paul and Minneapolis, and word drifted back that he had become affiliated with gangster activities. While in Minneapolis he was accused of shooting a policeman. At one time rumors linked his name with the "Bugs" Moran gang of Chicago.



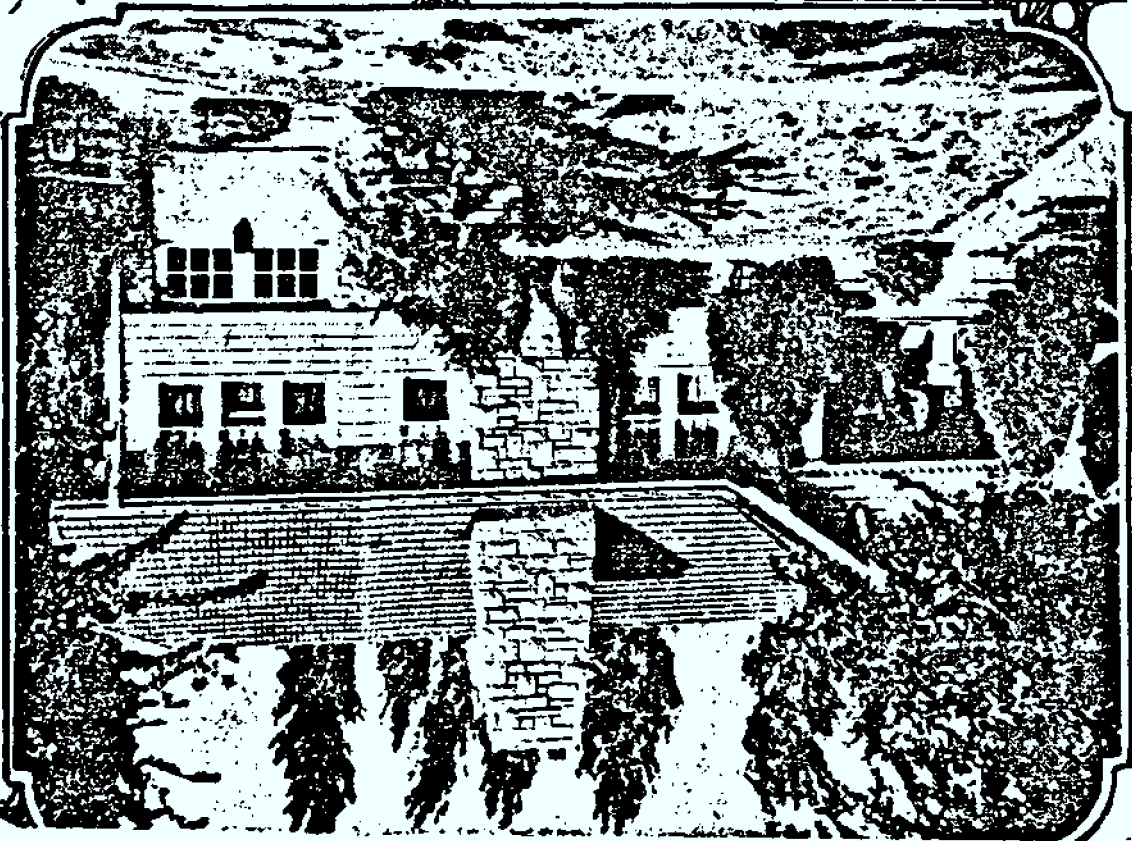
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### HURRIED DEPARTURE (lower)

Two of the men she saw while playing with Betty Miller and another being made up.



### PLAYED WITH KILLERS' CHILD

DREN (upper right)—Jo Ann Alford, 8-year-old daughter of William T. Alford, public administrator, and Mrs. Alford, 6031 Edgevale road. Jo Ann identified photographs in the morning edition of The Star of Verne C. Miller and William Weissman as two of the men she saw while playing with Betty Miller and another being made up.

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THE UNION STATION KILLERS—AND THE HOUSE OCCUPIED BY ONE OF THEM—BRAVE DETECTIVE GROOMS, WOUNDED THE KILLER.



**THE RENTED HOUSE**—Vern C. Miller, the machine gunner who murdered four officers and a convict at station plaza June 4, rented house at 6612 Edgevale road in Armour Hills district from N. E. Stand. Mr. McFarland did not know the character of his tenant nor was a killer until he was so

told by the police. The house has a garage, the driveway of which may be seen at the right in the picture. It housed the dark Chevrolet sedan used by the killers.

**THE DETECTIVE WHO DEFIED THE MACHINE GUN**—Detective William J. Grooms, city detective, whose reply to Miller's command to

"Up, up, we want Nash," was two shots from his own revolver. One of the shots wounded Miller in the left arm. Miller opened fire then, killing Grooms, the three other officers and the convict, Nash.

**THE MACHINE GUNNER**—Vern C. Miller, former North Dakota sheriff and associate of Harry Sawyer and Frank Nash, who shot the men at the plaza.

**THE SECOND MAN**—Picture No. 4 shows a side view of William Weissman, the man engaged to drive the car when he went to free Nash. No. 5 shows front view of Weissman. Weiss was a brother of Solly Weiss, Kansas City gangster killed in here.

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WILLIAM WEISSMAN.

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ial Day Break at Kansas  
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By the Associated Press.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., July 6.—A man, said by police to have been connected with the killing of four officers and Frank Nash, a Federal prisoner, at the Union Station plaza June 17, was captured by seven officers in a South Side residential district here this afternoon. His identity was not disclosed immediately.

The seven officers, armed with bombs, machine guns and high-powered rifles, waited several hours for the appearance of the man they sought. In the group were Federal agents and Deputy Sheriff.

Previously the police had said 10 persons were being sought.

As three of the principals in the plot to free Nash they named Verne C. Miller, former Sheriff of Huron, S. D., William Weissman, a Kansas City gangster, and Harvey Bailey, who led the Memorial day Kansas prison break in which he and 10 companions escaped.

Officers declined to say whether they thought Bailey actually participated in the attack. He was severely wounded in the Memorial day escape. He was a friend of Fred Barker, called "American Sweet Gangster King," and an associate of Alvin Karpis.

The group, led by the United States Bureau of Investigation in Washington, were placed in the hands of Sheriff Thomas E. Nash today. They called for the arrest of Charles (Pretty Boy) Floyd, Wilbur Underhill, Harvey J. Bailey, Ed Davis, James Clark and Robert D. Brady. The latter five are convicts who escaped from the Kansas penitentiary Memorial day.

Police said their investigation of the plaza killings had established definitely that at least two machine guns were used by the gangsters, one of them operated by Miller.

Elected Sheriff in 1926.

Miller went to Huron, S. D., at the close of the war, a self-styled hero of the fighting in France. Because of his unusual skill with weapons and his record as a city policeman, he was elected sheriff in 1926. Five years later he was renominated, but disappeared before the election. A shortage was found in his accounts. He was later arrested, convicted of embezzlement, and sentenced to serve a term in the state penitentiary at Sioux Falls.

After his release from prison he was rumored in Huron that he had become associated with gangsters in St. Paul and Minneapolis, where he was accused of having killed an officer.

Although declining to discuss the case, R. E. Vetterli, head of the Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice, in Kansas City, himself wounded slightly in the shooting here, confirmed the report that Bailey was one of the men sought.

Miller was described by officers as 35 years old, 5 feet 8 inches tall, weighing 160 pounds, blond, blue-eyed, and a "snappy dresser."

Weissman is 35 years old, 5 feet 8 inches tall, weighs about 200 pounds, has dark hair, dark eyes and swarthy complexion. He is a brother of Solly Weissman, a gangster who was killed here.

How Men Were Killed.

Director of Police E. C. Reppert said Miller fired after his demand that Nash be released was answered by the discharge of a pistol in the hands of Police Detective W. J. Grooms. The bullet wounded the machine gunner whose weapon quickly killed Grooms. Police Detective Frank Hermanson, Raymond J. Caffrey, agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and Otto Reed, McAlester, Ok., Chief of Police. The shooting occurred as Nash was being returned to Leavenworth (Kan.) Federal prison, from which he had escaped.

Tracing of long distance calls from Hot Springs, Ark., where Nash was arrested, and from Joplin, Mo., headquarters of some of his gang, solved the crime, according to Reppert. Through one of these calls, police reported ascertaining that Miller rented a house in Kansas City. Bloody rage was found there, and officers think Miller used them to bandage his wounds.

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before it involving the legal status of 3.2 beer in the pioneer prohibition state. State attorneys requested an early ruling. Reno and Borton attorneys opposed, asserting the law was unconstitutional.

The beer case went to the full court in January. It was given a day. The court heard arguments along with opinions in cases argued before the court in June.

In accordance with custom, the court will split into two divisions after handing down its monthly batch of opinions Saturday. The full court will not sit again until October. In the interim, it would be possible for a decision to be given by the court, should any four of the seven justices reach an agreement, although, customarily, one division does not make decisions in cases heard by the full court.

Today's hearing was on the appeal of Perry Laundry and Fred Owsen, Hutchinson lunch stand proprietors and beer dealers, from orders of the Reno County district court permanently enjoining them from dispensing intoxicating liquors.

Both men twice were held in contempt of court by Judge J. G. Somers of Reno County district court on the ground they sold 3.2 beer after he had issued restraining orders and injunctions against them last month.

**A question of intoxication.**  
Eustace Smith of Hutchinson, attorney for the two beer dealers, stated the question presented in their appeal was whether malt beverages, regardless of whether it is intoxicating in fact, constitutes a violation of the Kansas liquor laws.

The Kansas bone dry law declares unlawful the manufacture, sale and possession of "any spirituous, malt, vinous, fermented or other intoxicating liquors."

"It never was in the mind of the legislature," Smith said, "to prohibit the manufacture and sale, or keeping of vinous or malt beverages not intoxicating in fact."

The attorney for the beer dealers contended the supreme court had held that malt beverages are presumed to be intoxicating but that the question is rebuttable by evidence and that it is up to the court or jury sitting as the trier to determine whether they are intoxicating in fact.

A Nationwide Search for Nash  
The women are the object of a nationwide search by the Kansas City police department and the United States bureau of investigation.

Miller and Weissman did not intend to attempt the rescue of Frank Nash, the convict, at the union station. Miller planned to follow the officers and their prisoner and overtake them on the road to Leavenworth prison, from which Nash escaped three years ago. At an opportune moment, he planned to get the drop on the officers and take Nash.

Weissman was there as driver of the car, because Miller had asked him. He was not a member of the Nash gang.

**Near Officers' Car by Chance.**  
They drove to the station early the morning of June 17 and determined the hour of arrival of the train from Fort Smith, Ark., with Nash and his escort. They parked their car in the parking station opposite the east entrance of the union station. It was purely chance that the officers' car was parked in the street near the killers' car, and not because the killers watched the movements of the police, as was at first believed.

When the escort emerged from the east entrance with Nash in the center, Miller observed that the officers were not on guard for an attempted delivery, as none carried a weapon in his hand. Miller made a quick decision to effect the delivery there, instead of later on the highway.

**Weissman Has Two Pistols.**  
He gave Weissman orders to cover the men. Weissman carried two .45-caliber automatic pistols. Miller had a machine gun. Both stood near Miller's car as the officers put Nash into the police car.

Nash took the driver's seat, while E. C. Vetterli, Frank Smith and P. J. Lackey, agents of the United States bureau of investigation, and Otto Reed, chief of police of McAlester, Ok., got into the car. W. J. Grooms and Frank Hermanson, city detectives, stood on one side of the car. William J. Caffrey, another agent, stood on the other side.

house by a real estate company. "I had advertised my furnished home for rent," said McFarland. "An agent called and said he had a man who wanted to rent it."

Two days later Miller, or Moore, and his wife came out and rented the house. The rent was \$75 a month and he paid it in advance. They admired the house and said they were sure they would like it. They paid their rent in advance three times.

Sometimes after they moved in, Miller telephoned me that the lock on the rear door was not working. I offered to send a man out to repair it. He told me not to mind about it, that he would have a new lock put on the door and deduct the charge from his rent. He said it would only amount to \$3 or \$5.

Then he telephoned one day and complained about pigeons getting into the eaves of the house and disturbing him. I offered again to send a man out to make repairs to shut out the pigeons. But he said he would call a carpenter and deduct the cost from the rent.

The rear screen door also got out of order and he telephoned me that he was having a carpenter fix it and would take the cost out of the rent.

**Visited by Authorities.**  
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AMMUNITION IN FACT.

The attorney for the beer dealers contended the supreme court had held that malt beverages are presumed to be intoxicating but that the question is rebuttable by evidence and that it is up to the court or jury sitting as the trier to determine whether they are intoxicating in fact.

The attorney pointed out his clients were not given an opportunity in the lower court to offer evidence in support of their contention that the beer they were selling "was not intoxicating and therefore not in violation of the law."

Judge Somers of the trial court held the brew, being a malt beverage and commonly designated as beer, was intoxicating liquor as a matter of law, and that the question of whether it was in fact intoxicating was incompetent.

GRAPES JUICE A VIOLATION?

"In the event this court should uphold Judge Somers," Smith said, "every bottle of near beer sold in this state is in violation of the prohibition laws of this state. If that is true, grape juice will be in violation of our liquor laws, malted milk will be in violation."

Attorney General Boynton and Max Wyman, Reno County attorney, stated in their brief filed with the court that it was their contention "malt liquors containing 3.3 per cent alcohol, which is commonly called beer, was directly within the provisions of the statute prohibiting the sale of spirituous, malt, vinous, fermented or other intoxicating liquors" and that it was not proper for a trial court to permit introduction of evidence showing whether or not the malt liquor was intoxicating.

"It was the intent of the legislature to make Kansas 'bone dry,'" they argued, "that is what the legislature thought they did, and that is what the people thought the legislature did. Now, if the people are not satisfied with the condition which was created back in 1917, when they were endeavoring to make the state bone dry, this is a matter for legislative action and something in which the courts should not take jurisdiction."

County Attorney Wyman conceded his oral argument that "near beer"

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Smith and P. J. Lackey, agents of the United States bureau of investigation, and Otto Reed, chief of police of McAlester, Ok., got into the car. W. J. Grooms and Frank Hermanson, city detectives, stood on one side of the car. William J. Caffrey, another agent, stood on the other side.

Suddenly Miller shouted:

"Toss 'em up, up, up. We want Nash."

Grooms Whirls and Shoots Miller.

Grooms whirled toward the voice, drawing his revolver. He fired twice. One bullet struck Miller in the flesh of his left arm.

"All right, let 'em have it!" Miller shouted.

He fired the murderous burst at the same instant. Grooms, Hermanson and Caffrey fell dead outside the car. Three bullets bored into the body of Lackey. Others found marks in Chief Reed's body, killing him. Another grazed the arm of Vetterli. Smith dived to the floor and Nash, the convict, slumped down in the driver's seat, dead from bullets from Miller's blazing gun. Only Smith was untouched. Lackey is recovering.

Speed Back to 6612 Edgevale.

Miller and Weissman leaped into Miller's car and sped out of the parking station, going west. They drove at high speed to a house at 6612 Edgevale road, where Miller had lived since April 16. They put their car in the garage under the house.

Weissman helped Miller dress his wound. The two stayed there, with Miller's family, through that day, which was Saturday; through Sunday and through Monday, more than sixty hours after the shooting. They left Kansas City Monday night.

Did Not Intend to Kill Nash.

The killing of Nash was accidental. Miller did not kill him because Nash knew too much, and might be made to talk after he re-entered the federal prison. Of that, the police and federal agents now are certain. Nash died just as anyone who might have been sitting in the driver's seat of the officers' car would have died, because he was in the path of bullets.

The house at 6612 Edgevale road is owned by Newman E. McFarland, who lives at Lake Tapawingo. He did not know the character of his tenant until he was apprised by the police, and federal agents that Miller was wanted for the place massacre. He said Miller and a woman rented the

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A picture of Verne Miller, machine gun killer, whom the law enforcement agencies of the entire nation have been asked to find and hold for trial in the Kansas City union station murders of June 17. Miller is a desperado in whose record killings are common.

wanted by the authorities was when police and government agents called upon me in their investigation."

Mr. McFarland is living at Lake Tapawingo this summer. He was at the lake last night when an employee telephoned him that The Star had printed an extra edition on the case.

McFarland hurried in his car to the city and appeared at police headquarters about 11:30 o'clock. He was reluctant to talk about the case, saying he had been instructed by government officers and police not to discuss the matter. He refused to give the name of the realty firm which sent Moore to him, also the name of the Oklahoma City firm given by the gangster as a reference.

Mr. McFarland described Miller's wife as about 5 feet 7 1/2 inches tall, weighing about 110 pounds, hair bleached to blond, brown eyes and long nose. She dressed neatly.

at all. It appeared to be probable. Everybody remembered significant incidents.

"But don't mention my name," most of them said. "It's none of my business. I don't want to be mixed up in a machine gun massacre."

As a matter of fact, nobody knew anything except Jo Ann Alford, 9-year-old daughter of William T. Alford, public administrator, and Mrs. Alford, 6621 Edgevale road. Jo Ann knew about all there was to know. She sat up in her nightgown and exclaimed with a pretty nod, "Well, what do you know about that?"

But what did she know about it?

Betty Was a Nice Playmate.

"Well," said Jo Ann solemnly as she drew her flowered dressing gown around her bare feet, "Betty Moore was my playmate. When school was

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# PRICE LIFTING NEXT KNOW PLAZA KILLERS

With World Recovery Sidetracked,  
Roosevelt Makes It His  
Chief Policy.

## SPUR TO RECOVERY PLAN

Extraordinary Powers of Cur-  
rency and Credit Inflation  
May Be Used.

## CONTAINMENT AHEAD

War's Goal for De-  
struction Is That of the  
Period.

KANSAS CITY STAR  
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July 6.—Price-lifting  
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administration, now that  
economic conquest in  
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conference.

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house April 10, paying their rent in advance. The rent was paid to July 10.  
Mr. McFarland aided the police and the federal agents after he was  
told Miller was wanted.

### Telephone Calls Give the Clue.

The police and the bureau of investigation found the trail of the killers  
June 23, after they checked numerous telephone calls made between Hot  
Springs and Joplin and between Joplin and Kansas City June 16, the day  
before the killing. Men were sent to Hot Springs, and to St. Louis, where  
records of long distance calls are filed in the home office of the Southwestern  
Bell Telephone Company.

In Hot Springs, it was learned a woman, Mrs. E. B. Connor, had tele-  
phoned to Herb Farmer at Joplin about 4:45 p. m. June 16. Nash was cap-  
tured by Lackey, Smith and Reed on a street in Hot Springs earlier that day.

At 10:00 that night, Herb Farmer in Joplin put in a long distance call  
to Jackson 7073 at Kansas City. That proved to be the telephone number  
of the house at 6612 Edgemoor road.

### Weisman Into It by Chance.

In that conversation Farmer told Miller of the capture of Nash,  
repeating the message from the gang in Hot Springs, as telephoned to  
Farmer by Mrs. Connor, that Miller should try to rescue Nash. Weisman  
had called on Miller that afternoon. Miller needed help, and he got in  
touch with Weisman, asking him to drive the car. Neither expected  
shooting, although subsequent events proved they were prepared for it.

After Weisman agreed to aid, another call was put in to Herb Farmer  
in Joplin. It was from the union station in Kansas City, presumably by  
Miller, to learn on what train Nash and his escort were riding. The call  
was registered in at 12:05 a. m., June 17, the morning of the massacre.

### Find Edgemoor Road House Vacated.

With that information and the address of the house on Edgemoor  
road, the police and federal agents went to McFarland. He visited the  
house with the agents and together they entered. It had been vacated.  
McFarland did not know that his tenant had left.

They found blood coated rugs which Miller had used on his arm  
wound, and a bag of roofing nails. The nails have wide heads and  
bandlike flanges in metal caps strew them along the highway, to cause  
punctures on passing cars.

Miller called the Landlord (Name withheld) and  
told the owner that the house was wanted for the  
murder of the two men.

## A POLICE STATEMENT TELLS HOW THE TRAIL OF THE PLAZA KILLERS WAS FOLLOWED.

Immediately after the massacre at the union station on June  
17, the United States bureau of investigation and the police depart-  
ment began an intensive investigation. A check was made of all  
long distance telephone calls out of Hot Springs, Ark., where Frank  
Nash was apprehended, to Kansas City, and calls were also checked  
out of Hot Springs, Ark., to all cities and towns north of Hot  
Springs.

In view of the fact that officers knew that Joplin had been the  
headquarters for some of the members of Nash's gang, calls were also  
checked from Hot Springs to Joplin, and from Joplin to Kansas  
City. It was found that a call had been made from Hot Springs,  
Ark., by a Mrs. E. B. Connor to one Herb Farmer at Joplin, Mo.,  
at 4:45 p. m. June 16. A check of the calls made from Farmer's  
residence in Joplin revealed the fact that he had made a call at  
10:00 p. m. on the same date to Kansas City, calling Jackson 7073.  
Investigation revealed that this telephone was located in a residence  
owned by M. E. McFarland at 6612 Edgemoor road. On further  
investigation it was found that this residence had been rented by  
Mr. McFarland on April 10 to one V. C. Moore.

A thorough check of V. C. Moore revealed the fact that he  
was, in reality, one Verne C. Miller, who was a close friend of  
Frank Nash. Late Friday evening, June 16, one William Weisman,  
alias Bill Weisman, called on Miller at 6612 Edgemoor road, and Miller,  
after being apprised of Nash's arrest at Hot Springs, and that he  
was to be returned to Leavenworth, enlisted Weisman's aid in  
rescuing Nash. Another telephone call was made from the union  
station at 12:05 a. m. on June 17, ostensibly by Miller. This call  
was to Herb Farmer at Joplin, Mo., evidently confirming the fact  
that Nash was really on the way to Kansas City, and while at the  
station it is possible that Miller determined the arrival time of the  
train from Fort Smith, Ark.

The following morning at about 6 a. m. Miller and Weisman  
drove to the station and parked Miller's Chevrolet sedan in the  
south parking space opposite the east door of the station, and when  
the seven men went across the street with Nash, and they  
saw them all in a group and without firearms in readiness to shoot.  
Miller and Weisman decided to take Nash at the station. Miller  
was armed with a machine gun and Weisman carried two .45 auto-  
matic pistols. They entered the station and went to the  
platform where the train was waiting.

The new supreme Nationalistic program of the Roosevelt administration is expected to result in not only a greater streamlining of the industrial and agricultural recovery programs, but also in the use of the huge public-works fund to back up the purchasing power of the public in the payment of higher prices. Thus far, the administration has been forced to use

Miller also was a friend of Harvey Bailey, the bandit who was among the prisoners who escaped from Lansing prison on Decoration day. Bailey was arrested here a year ago for the Fort Scott bank robbery while he was playing golf at Old Mission golf course. With him were two other gangsters. On a nearby green, at the moment Bailey was arrested, this same Vernon C. Miller also was playing golf. He saw the arrest of Bailey and his companions, but was himself overlooked by the police.

"Just before they moved, I got he  
to go to dancing school with me.

## Lightning Kills an Oklahoman



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#### Gold Embargo to Stay

The policy of the United States will be to keep its gold indefinitely and to prevent shipments abroad. This country and France control about seven of the 11 billion dollars of the world's supply. Gold will not be used for international commerce, as Europe still will be. It will be used alone. It is a silver to support American currency.

As long as other countries run their currency up and down, or reduce the value of their commodities by cutting labor to the minimum, the administration sees no use to attempt international currency stabilization.

This country desires its neighbors first to stabilize their own currency with commodity prices. This country intends to pursue that policy. When that stability arrives, this country then may be willing to talk of international currency stabilization.

In the meantime England, France and the other countries may cry their eyes out, and call Uncle Sam all kinds of names, but there will be nothing doing.

The administration is placing much less emphasis now on the value of foreign trade. The balance between exports and imports varies little, an administration spokesman pointed out today. This country will not be called upon to forsake its domestic price-fixing program at this time for the promise of more European trade.

**If** you are looking for a carpenter to build a garage or cottage, a mason to build a cement walk—look over the "Contracting and Building" ads in the want ad columns and make a selection. Put a man to work.

O. Miller also was playing golf. He saw the arrest of Bailey and his companions, but was himself overlooked by the police.

On the trail of Miller the police and federal agents also learned how Nash, the convict killed at the station, escaped from the federal prison. While he was serving his 25-year term, he met another convict named Mickey Carey. Carey was serving a sentence for selling narcotics. Carey was paroled and he was released shortly before Nash escaped three years ago.

#### Nash Escaped from the Federal Prison.

Nash had become a trusty, working about the house of a prison official outside the prison. Carey called for him in a motor car and the two drove away, Carey taking Nash to Oklahoma. For three years after that Nash dodged the persistent agents of the bureau of investigation, among them Caffrey, the agent killed. Caffrey made it his especial job to return Nash to prison, and it was he who was largely responsible for the quick dash of the federal agents into Hot Springs, the taking of Nash on the street there, and the run to Fort Smith where they boarded the train for Kansas City.

#### Weisman Laid a Fugitive Bond Jumper.

Weisman's record in police headquarters here shows he was arrested the first time April 23, 1923, for the burglary of a tailor shop in which \$12,000 worth of woolsens were stolen. He and two companions were released on \$10,000 bond each for the crime, and they jumped bond.

His next crime of record was the robbery of the Sun Drug Company in Los Angeles, May 21, 1923, when the auditor of the drug company was shot. Police said last night he had not been seen in Kansas City for a long time until the visit of last month.

#### The Weisman Police Record.

Weisman never has been very active in crime here since his arrest and jumping of bond in 1923. He lived in St. Louis, which also was the home of Solly Weisman before Solly made Kansas City his headquarters.

Solly was fatally wounded October 30, 1930, in a room above the Turf, a betting agency operated at that time at 1211 Baltimore avenue. Charles Haughton, manager of a racing news service, shot Solly when Solly threatened his life because he would not give Solly advance news on races or furnish him with racing information. Haughton was exonerated after he made a statement to the police and prosecutor about the shooting of the notorious gangster.

The police here are not familiar with Miller's criminal record, other than the fact that he is wanted in several cities, and that he served a term in the North Dakota prison for embezzlement of funds while he was sheriff.

He is known as a friend and associate of Harve Bailey and of Nash and their gangs and is suspected of participation in the Fort Scott bank robbery for which Bailey was sent to prison.

Just before they moved, I got her to go to dancing school with me. Her mother went along. The next day her mother bought little toe-slippers for her. But poor Betty never used them. She had to move away. She often told me she might move at any time—to Chicago.

#### Always Expected to Leave.

"Well," she would say one day, "we're moving to Chicago Monday. When Monday came, she would say it was the next Monday she meant to move. I asked her what her father did and she hesitated. Then, very slowly, she said, 'He lends money.'"

"She said her father played golf at Mission Hills and her mother at the Kansas City Country Club."

Mr. Alford took up the story there.

"They left in the night, evidently," he said. "They left the windows open as if to make it appear they still were living there. Then we noticed the newspapers were accumulating in the front yard. Betty never came to our house any more. So we supposed they had gone."

Another neighbor remembered that a truck drove up to the house about June 20 and was loaded in the basement garage.

"We wondered about that," she said. "Trucks usually are loaded outside. After the truck left, we never saw the Moores again. We never talked with them, but they seemed to be pleasant."

"Not long before they left, a Yellow taxicab stopped in front of our house and I opened the door, thinking someone was coming to see us. A tall man I had never seen before

Lightning Kills an Oklahoman. WOODWARD, OK., July 5.—(A. P.)—Eugene B. Miller, 24, was killed by lightning today near Vici where he was working on a highway job. Several fellow workers were stunned.

All Cotton  
DRESS  
REDUCED

Entire stock of cotton shop for sport, street and after-piques, washable silks and miss this sale of smart

\$3.95

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On Main

#### NOTICE.

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# THE KANSAS CITY TIME

UNION STATION KILLERS—AND THE HOUSE OCCUPIED BY ONE OF THEM—BRAVE DETECTIVE GROOMS, WHO WOUNDED THE KILLER.



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Kansas City Times 7-6-33



**RENTED HOUSE**—Verne C. Miller, the machine gunner who murdered four officers and a convict at Union station plaza June 17, rented house at 8612 Edgevale road in Armour Hills district from N. E. Ireland. Mr. McFarland did not know the character of his tenant nor was he a killer until he was so

told by the police. The house has a garage, the driveway of which may be seen at the right in the picture. It housed the dark Chevrolet sedan used by the killers.  
**THE DETECTIVE WHO DEFIED THE MACHINE GUN** (inset 2)—William J. Grooms, city detective, whose reply to Miller's command to

"Up, up, we want Nash," was two shots from his own revolver. One of the shots wounded Miller in the left arm. Miller opened fire then, killing Grooms, the three other officers and the convict, Nash.  
**THE MACHINE GUNNER** (3)—Verne C. Miller, former North Dakota sheriff and associate of Harve Bailey and Frank Nash, who fired the burst

that killed the men at the plaza.  
**THE SECOND MAN** (4 and 5)—Picture No. 4 shows a side view of William Weissman, the man Miller engaged to drive the car when they went to free Nash. No. 5 shows front view of Weissman. Weiss was a brother of Solly Weiss, Kansas City gangster killed in here.



**"NEWS WHILE  
IT'S NEWS"**

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## Kansas City, Mo.

# HAGEN LEADS BRITISH OPEN BY 1 STROKE

**Ed Dudley of Georgia Is  
Second With Total  
of 141.**

ENTRADA ON FAIR 12

## AT AQUEDUCT

**FIRST RACE—3 mfs.**  
 Dross (Carm) 1:24 1/2  
 Arson (Robertson) 1:24 1/2  
 Chaps (McTear) 1:24 1/2  
 Time 1:31 1/2. Also ran: Weird, Whorl, Wind, Onetime, Sabador, Agn Ray, Dick.

**SECOND RACE (Continued)**

Blackcock (Little) 11-12 2-4 2-4  
Bartanes (Burgess) 11-12 2-4 2-4  
Huffy (Little) 11-12 2-4 2-4  
Time, 9:11. Also Jan. The Offings  
Minstrel, Mellicking Princess, Minstrel  
Saber, Abrams, Milton, Pencil  
Minstrel, Minstrel

THIRD RACE—4:00 PM.

Sir Grove (Battling) - 12-6  
 High Glen (Robertson) -  
 A. Planchet (Garnier)  
 Time: 1:00 4-6. Also see: Garmy, C.  
 and, Cyril. - 4-6

FOURTH BACS - 1/2 Duplicates  
 1st BACS - 1/2 Duplicates

Sweet, Spinn (Lynn) 11  
 Sweetwork (Robertson) 11  
 Tatars (Helen) 11  
 Time 1:31. Also see: Action 11  
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Wang, John YOUNG A. 2-21-61

1-7-52. Also has been in  
Maritime Council.

10-10-68

William Rose (alias)  
 Time 1:41-4. Also see William Rose  
 and Grain, alias.

**AT LATONIA**

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**THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO**

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# AMERICAN ALL STARS WIN ON BABE'S HOMER

**Ruth Is Hero in Game  
Against Nationals Be-  
fore 49,000.**

**CHICAGO, July 6.**—Babe Ruth, the mightiest slugger in all baseball history, led the American league all-stars to victory over the National League team in the first inter-league game of its kind ever played before a capacity crowd of 33,000 persons.

Just one swing of Ruth's devastating  
hitting mace tumbled the National  
League to defeat 4-3.

With the American league team leading 1-0 Ruth came to bat in the third inning with Charlie Gehringer, Detroit second baseman, on first base and "Wild Bill" Hallahan, Cardinals southpaw, on the mound. Ruth had been called out on striking as his first time at bat.

had been having trouble with his control and threw two balls to the bats. The third one he got over the pitcher's wrist high and bats caught it at the height of his mighty swing. The ball flew a low, arcing line drive into the right field stands.

Buth was the hero of heroes, the darling of the crowd, the one outstanding figure among the greatest, smartest and highest paid ball players in the majors.

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## STATION PLAZA MURDERS

### Tipsters a Killers

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### STORM STRIKES WITH FURY ON TEXAS COAST

#### High Seas Force Many to Flee From Port Isabel

**BROWNSVILLE, TEX., July 6.**—The center of a tropical hurricane Thursday afternoon struck Port Isabel, 8 miles south of here and moved toward this metropolis of the lower Rio Grande valley.

Some loss of life was feared at Port Isabel, where huge waves rolled in from the gulf and flooded a large area.

Elaborate precautions were made here to prevent casualties.

City authorities ordered power cut off and the removal of large signs and other movable objects from the business district.

Hotels soon filled to capacity as the residents, many of them badly frightened, deserted their homes for safer refuge.

Ambulances with crews of physicians and volunteers rushed around every ready to move across the Rio Grande to Matamoros, thence to constructed Mexican towns which were expected to suffer heavily.

#### EXPECT FACTOR SOON

**Release of 'Jake the Barber' Believed Near**

**CHICAGO, July 6.**—Negotiations for the return of John 'Jake the Barber' Factor virtually are completed and the kidnaped probe may be home within twenty-four hours.

### BUT POLICE DIM CHANCE OF CAPTURE

#### The Hunted

The complete list of gunmen sought by the government in connection with the Union station plaza massacre follows:

- Harvey Bailey, 45 years old.
- Ed Davis, 31 years old.
- Jim Clark, 31 years old.
- Robert G. Brady, 39 years old.
- Wilbur Underhill, 33 years old.
- Vernon Miller, 35 years old.
- William Wellman, 39 years old.
- Charles (Pretty Boy) Floyd, 39 years old.

All are escaped convicts and with the exception of Floyd, Wellman and Miller, participated in the Memorial day break from the Kansas state penitentiary at Lansing.

List of the suspects with photographs and every possible mark of identification, has been sent to every peace officer in the United States with instructions to arrest them for the Union station plaza massacre.

Although the government has included Floyd in the list, few believe he took any part in the killing, since he had no way of knowing that Frank Nash, post-victim of the gunmen, had been captured at Hot Springs, Ark., and was on his way back to the federal penitentiary at Leavenworth from which he escaped in 1929.

#### Publicity Tips Off Gang to Hinder Work of Fed- eral Agents

A prisoner, believed to have been arrested in connection with the Union station plaza massacre, is being held incommunicado at the county jail. He was arrested Thursday afternoon at a house in the vicinity of Fifty-sixth street and Main street after a force of seven heavily armed deputies and police had gone to the residence with the greatest secrecy.

Sheriff Thomas B. West announced before the deputies on owl that they were going to make an important arrest, but refused to give out additional information.

With Kansas City police revealing the identity of two of the machine gunners who perpetrated the Union station plaza massacre June 17, federal authorities announced Thursday that the eight killers sought for the slaying of four law enforcement officers and their prisoner ever would be brought to justice. If they



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# Federal Agents Seeking Eight

## BUT K. C. POLICE DIM CHANCE TO CATCH KILLERS

Publicity Tips Off Gang to  
Hinder Work of U. S.  
Officers

### SECURITY NECESSARY

Members of K. C. Department  
Bare Facts Obtained  
by Federal Men

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Police at Cross Purposes  
Since the federal agents first were sent to Kansas City from a dozen cities in the Middle West to track down the men who killed Raymond J. Caffery, department of justice agent, Frank Hermonson and William J. Grooms, city detectives, Otto Reed, chief of police of McAlister, Ok., and Nash, police have worked at divergent purposes, it was said Thursday.

Although the federal agents had agreed to cooperate with city detective assigned to the case, frequently they discovered that evidence was being withheld from them by the local investigators.

It was no secret at police headquarters that the Kansas City men assigned to the case hoped to "break" it ahead of the federal investigators, thus receiving the credit for solution of the Union station plaza massacre and taking the stigma of the recent wave of major crimes off the department.

Known to U. S. Men  
The fact that Vernon C. Miller,



These are the escaped convicts for whom federal agents are searching as perpetrators of the

## Hunted in Union Station Plaza Machine Gun Mass

St. Paul gangster, was one of the machine gunners and that he maintained a residence at 6612 Edgemoor road, who known by the department of justice agents within a few days after the wholesale killing in front of the Union station.

was the discovery of that hideout that enabled the government men to establish the fact that Miller led the attack on the men who guarded Nash the morning of June 17. They also discovered that Harvey Bailey and Wilbur Underhill were two of the men who participated in the attempted delivery which resulted in the death of the escaped convict.

Police named William Weisman as Miller's associate in the massacre. Weisman is not related to Roy Weisman, slain gangster, according to Harry Birch, former detective sergeant.

Considerable evidence obtained by the department of justice men still is unknown to police. They have established definitely that two machine guns were used by the gang in their attempt to release Nash.

### For Landing Break

They also have learned that Miller repaid the Edgemoor road residence from his owner, Newman C. McFarland, April 19 for the exact purpose of staging the Leaning penitentiary delivery, which brought about the release of Bailey and Underhill. Separately, completely during a baseball game inside the prison walls Decoration day. Five other convicts not in on the plot, took advantage of their opportunity and fled from the prison. Four of the latter have been captured.

Discovery of bloodstained handbags in the Edgemoor road residence indicated to the investigators that Bailey, wounded in the tail of the leg at the time of the prison delivery, used the house for a hideout for several days after May 24. The men

and associate of Bailey and Nash. The investigators also discovered that a man answering the description of Weisman visited the Edgemoor residence the night of June 16. A few hours later—12:30 o'clock the morning of June 17—another telephone call was made, this time from the Union station to the home of Herb Farmer in Joplin. Agents believe that the last long distance communication was either by Miller or one of his associates to obtain confirmation of the report that Nash was on his way to Kansas City.

Early the morning of June 17—about 8 o'clock—Miller, Bailey and six associates in three cars drove to the Union station plaza and parked to await the arrival of the man they planned to rescue. For more than an hour the killers sat in their cars or walked in front of the station, watching carefully for the appearance of Nash and his guards. One of their number made several inquiries concerning the time of arrival of the train from Fort Smith, Ark. When it arrived at 9:15 o'clock June 17 with Nash and his guards, Reed, Frank Smith and L. J. Lockery, the latter two agents of the United States bureau of investigation, the killers went back to their cars and seized their weapons.

At the station Caffery, R. A. Vetterli, in charge of the Kansas City office of the United States bureau of investigation, Grooms and Hermonson joined the guards. They walked with them through the station and across the plaza to where Caffery's car was parked.

Caffery carried a police riot gun, but none of his companions exhibited any weapons. When they reached the parked car, in which the prisoner was to be taken to the federal penitentiary at Leavenworth, the men suddenly turned on

June 17. Left to right—B. Bailey, Ed Davis, Jim Clark, Bert G. Brady, and Wilbur 1

ing his escape after that robbery. U. S. Men Fought Lost While police were busily checking rumors and false information of justice men were ing ahead with their investigation in keeping with their plan operate with local authorities finally put the city detectives on the right trail. R. H. Thurman chief of detectives, assigned to handle the city's search for the killers.

Just as Thurman's investigation began to show progress, summarily dismissed last. No reason was given. But of the good work he had done was employed by the government continue his investigation.

Federal Agents Still Maintaining their usual the Kansas City government refused to divulge any information concerning the progress of the case.

"Numerous requests have made by the press for information regarding the massacre," said Thursday. "But I have statement to make at this time. I will have until the government work has been completed, killers apprehended."

To change important the investigation would be per on. This is a time rather than to stop.

Vetterli referred to the U. S. Edgar Hoover, director United States bureau of investigation at Washington, who an active part in the search for the killers.

H. A. Supplied information. While Vetterli refused to deny any of the information issued by police in their statement all the credit for the made in the investigation, known Thursday that the

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# Massacre on Union Station Plaza



Miller, all of whom escaped from the Kansas penitentiary at Lansing Memorial day.

## VERNE C. MILLER NOT TRADITIONAL TYPE OF KILLER

### Gunner Scarcely Known to K. C. Police Before Union Station Massacre.

Manning a machine gun in the line of "big shots" of the underworld is the vocation of Vernon C. Miller. But the man who handled the deadly machine gun at the Union station the morning of June 17 is a different type from the usual boastful killer whose weapons are at the disposal of any one who has the price.

Miller does not look like a killer. He lives quietly, and to all outward appearances, respectably. And he does not go up and down Twelfth street talking loosely. He does not frequent the hangouts of criminals. So careful has he been to keep out of the limelight of gangland publicity that he was scarcely known to Kansas City police until investigation began after the Union station slaying of Frank Campbell and four police officers.

Never Arrested Here. His name was not found in the police records. He never had been arrested for any offense here. He was a shadowy figure about whom authorities heard but little.

Yet the present investigation has revealed that Vernon Miller is one of the most accurate and deadly machine gunners in the racket anywhere in the country.

in the head, in a few seconds. They knew that a machine gun is not an easy weapon to handle. When the trigger is pressed the explosion have a tendency to force the barrel up. It takes a steady and practiced hand to hold the muzzle on the target.

The police do not expect to take Miller alive. He is not the type to throw down his guns, they say. But, dead or alive, they declare they will take him. The trail is hot and the search is nationwide.

Not Solly's Brother. Friends of the late Solly Weissman, men who knew his brothers and sisters in St. Louis, said Thursday that the William Weissman, alias Bill Weiss, who is sought in connection with the machine gun massacre, was not related to the dead Kansas City gangster.

While a former resident of St. Louis, as was Solly, Bill Weissman was a member of another family of the same name.

Police have a circular at headquarters requesting the arrest of Bill Weissman for the murder of a prohibition agent in Elizabeth, N. J., September 19, 1933.

The circular, issued October 24 by the prosecutor of pleas, Union county, N. J., states that Weissman killed John G. Finello, a federal prohibition agent, during a brewery raid there. Weissman's description follows:

About 30 years old; 5 feet 6 1/2 inches tall; 200 pounds in weight; black, curly hair; dark chestnut eyes; sallow complexion; bootlegger and brewery operator; and always armed.

### Miller Here to Slay Gangster and Help in Prison Break Is Belief

Vernon Miller, the machine gun expert from St. Paul, took up his residence at 6812 Edgevale road for two reasons, according to police theory.

First, Frank Nash's gang of desperadoes was plotting at the time Miller arrived here—April 15—to liberate Harvey Bailey, Wilbur Underhill and the group that made good a break from the Kansas penitentiary at Lansing, on Memorial day. They needed a rendezvous in Kansas City. The house on Edgevale road was the spot from which the break actually was engineered. It is believed.

Second, the Nash gang had decreed the death of John Hagan, former Kansas City private detective, who turned gangster ten years ago. Hagan, a police executive said, had been "muscling" in on the Nash territory and had acted as a police informer on several occasions, notably the Jake Lingle killing in Chicago. Miller was sent here to put Hagan on the spot.

It now is believed that Bailey re-

### ELLIOTT TO MAKE UP?

#### Young Roosevelt's Wife Visits His Relatives

By United Press

PHILADELPHIA, July 3.—Elliot Roosevelt, daughter-in-law of President and Mrs. Franklin Roosevelt, and her infant son, William, are expected to leave soon for Campobello, N. H., the summer home of the president. It was learned Thursday.

Mrs. Elliott Roosevelt and her husband's grandmother, Mrs. Sara Roosevelt in Hyde Park, N. Y., were accompanied by her sons, Mr. and Mrs. William H. Elliot of Villanova.

These visits led to unconfirmed reports the Roosevelt family may be attempting to bring about a reconciliation.

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt recently announced on the Pacific coast after a visit with Elliott and her son and his wife would be divorced at Reno, Nev.

### HITLER REGIME SEEKS TO STAMP OUT GANGS

BERLIN, July 3.—(UP)—Determination of the Hitler regime to stamp out gangdom in Berlin was seen Thursday in the imposition of the death sentence on four men convicted of participation in a payroll robbery in which a man was killed. Imposition of the death penalty is unusual in Germany.

### LAW FIRM ESTABLISHED

Albert E. Stoll and Mark S. Waggener announced Thursday that they had established the law firm of Stoll and Waggener at 509 Fidelity Bank building. Both formerly were with the law firm of McCune, Caldwell and Downing.

### BOYD FORCED TO LAND

WASHINGTON, July 3.—(UP)—Capt. J. Errol Boyd, Canadian aviator attempting a non-stop flight from Port au Prince, Haiti, to Washington, D. C., was forced down Thursday at Savannah, Ga. His representatives here announced.

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part the wounded man received a part medical attention while waiting there after his escape.

The fact that the fugitive carried a loaded by Bailey and Underhill first fled to Oklahoma with Alvin Karpis, then warden of the Kansas state penitentiary, indicated that Bailey was returned to the Kansas City hideout, probably to receive attention for his wounded leg.

Persons living in the vicinity of the Edgevale road address readily identified Bailey's photograph as that of "the man who jumped." A hanging visitor was seen there frequently after Decoration Day.

Little Support to Theory  
 That fact gave little support to the police theory that a bullet from the revolver of Grooms wounded one of the machine gunners as he shot down his five victims in front of the Union station.

Police were "tipped" to the location of the gang hideout when residents of the neighborhood noticed that several men were watching what they believed was a vacant house. The federal agents had discovered the place and searched it, obtaining conclusive proof that Miller and several other criminals had spent more than two months there before their sudden departure June 28. Bailey joined them after his escape from the Kansas penitentiary May 31.

The first clue which directed the attention of federal agents to the Edgevale road house came as a result of checking long distance telephone calls from Hot Springs, Ark., just before and after the massacre. Previously they had discovered that members of the Nash-Bailey gang had used Joplin as one of their headquarters.

Relayed From Joplin  
 When their investigation failed to reveal that any calls had been received in Kansas City directly from Hot Springs or towns in the vicinity of that Arkansas city, they checked to determine whether they had been relayed by way of Joplin. Then they discovered that a long distance call had been received at the farm of Herb Farmer, gambler, near Joplin from Mrs. E. B. Connor at Hot Springs.

With this slender clue to work on, federal agents then began a check of all calls made from Farmer's home and they discovered that one had been made June 18 to Jackson 7072. That was just a few hours after Farmer had received the call from Mrs. Connor at Hot Springs.

Investigation of the Jackson number revealed it was that of the residence at 6612 Edgevale road. A quiet check by the agents brought out the information that the owner of the property, McFarland, operator of a cigar stand in the Pioneer Trust building, had rented the property furnished April 18 to V. C. Moore and his family.

Learn "Moore's" Identity  
 Several of the department of justice agents assigned to the task of running down the murderers began a searching inquiry to obtain everything available about Moore. They soon discovered that actually he was Vernon Miller, gangster and killer.

When the police saw Miller, they were in the act of sliding beneath the wheel to the rear of the car, the driver in front when the killer announced their presence with "Up the P— on up."

Two Fired Weapons  
 Grooms and Caffrey apparently were the first to realize an attempt was underway to free their prisoner. The former drew his revolver and fired in the direction from which the command came. Caffrey proceeded to firing one charge from the riot gun when the gangsters machine gun began sounding.

Someone heard one of the men shout as the two officers fired.

"Let 'em have it!"  
 Machine gun fire came from two directions, subsequent investigation has revealed.

Caffrey, Grooms and Hermanson, who stood just to the right of the car in which their companions and their prisoner were seated, fell with machine bullets in their heads. Whether that burst of fire also killed Reed and Nash so far has not been determined since events moved too fast for the surviving members of the party to recall. Lackey was shot three times through the body, but Smith, who sat between him and Reed escaped by crouching down in the car. Vetterli, standing at the rear of the vehicle, received a flesh wound in one arm.

From Two Directions  
 Witnesses who watched the massacre and evidence left by the bullets fired by the killers furnished almost conclusive proof that bursts of machine gun fire came from two directions. Federal authorities have the names of several witnesses who saw two cars speed away as the officers and their prisoners lay dying in the Union station plaza.

The police, in presenting their version in a prepared statement, failed to explain the fact that one of the victims was struck by a ball bearing, which probably was fired from a shotgun.  
 From descriptions of car seen speeding southward, the investigators believe the cars proceeded to Broadway and then by a circuitous route to the Edgevale road hideout, where the killers remained until their hurried departure three days later.

Floyd Considered  
 Every gangster known by police to have used machine guns sometime in perpetrating crimes was hunted as a suspect in the killing. The police investigators even gave serious consideration to the possibility that "Pretty Boy" Floyd, Oklahoma bandit and killer, was responsible, although later investigation revealed that he was fleeing across Missouri at the time of Nash's capture in Hot Springs and had no opportunity to learn any of the details.

After the Floyd theory had been exploded, police began a search for Earl Doyle, one of the men who participated in the holdup of a North Kansas City bank messenger last February. They had little to support that theory, other than that he was desperate and had engaged in a battle with a posse while making his escape.

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Investigators had applied them department of justice when the spirit of cooperation.

That the police had many gaps in the story they released a burst out by known facts which were considerably at variance with the theory theorizing contained the department statement.

When all the facts of the kill and search become known, it is believed that the story will be one of the most sensational ever revealed in the history of modern criminal warfare.

## FAIR REPEAL VOT GOVERNOR'S ONLY INTEREST IN ISSU

### Park Expects Balloting Dry Question Early in September

By United Press.  
**JEFFERSON CITY, July 4.** Governor Park's only interest prohibition repeal is seeing to the question is submitted fairly the people of Missouri, the executive said Thursday.

Returning to his statehouse after a hurried trip to the Chicago World's fair, Governor Park said he still was planning to wait until between July 24 and August 20 set dates for the election, but that the balloting would probably come early in September.

"I have only one interest in the question," the executive said. "It is to submit repeal fairly to the people and give Missourians chance to express themselves at the polls."

The governor revealed that a Louisville lawyer, John E. Leahy, suggested that the courts be given case testing provisions of the Wee bill, the measure passed by the recent legislature to provide machinery for recording Missouri's vote as reporting the result to Washington by a state convention.

A test case, Leahy said, would determine definitely whether or not the executive had to provide for holding the election between July 24, when the Weeks bill becomes effective, and August 20, six months after the lame duck congress submitted the question to the states.

"I would welcome a test case," the governor said. "But since the law doesn't take effect for several weeks, I don't know how we could get the basis for a suit to test the law."

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They learned that when Miller's machine gun was in on a job that was a big one. The stakes were high and his fee was substantial. Miller was "cut in" on a share of the loot.

Such was the case in the sensational Lincoln, Neb. bank holdup several years ago, in which the bank Nash gang was reputed to have obtained nearly \$2,000,000. It was one of the biggest bank robberies in the country. And Miller earned a machine gun on the job, according to police information.

**Learn More About Him.**  
The further police and federal agents pressed their inquiry about a machine gunner the more they turned up his reputation as a master of the deadly weapon.

He associated only with the "higher class" criminals who went in for big jobs. He was a friend of Harvey Bailey, bank bandit and escaped convict who gained his liberty in the Kansas state prison break memorial day. He also was a close friend of Nash and had worked with him on a number of holdups. He had worked with other "big time" crooks throughout the Middle West. He refused to hire out on small jobs.

Miller had formed a strong attachment for Nash. The latter was a type of man in the profession of time—quiet, conservative and smart—in the gangland sense. It was this friendship and attachment for Nash which moved Miller to go to the rescue when he learned a friend had been arrested and held in prison again.

**Qualifies as Expert.**  
The machine gun slaughter at the Union station that Saturday morning was ghastly testimony of the accuracy of Verné Miller with a .45 fire weapon.

Police knew that only a master of the weapon could have moved in five men, four of them shot.

turned to the Bigelow mad house after he had escaped into Oklahoma. The blood-stained bandages found in the home indicated Bailey's leg wound, sustained in the escape at Lansing might have been dressed there.

Having accomplished one of his purposes here, Miller, at the time Nash was apprehended in Hot Springs, was waiting for a chance to get Hagan.

When Nash was arrested, gangland was abuzz with activity to effect his release. Miller, being already in Kansas City, was designated to lead the gang which made the abortive, but bloody, attempt at the Union station.

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**Publicity Tips Machine Gun-  
ners Off to Plans of  
Officers.**

## BULLETIN

Eight men are being sought in connection with the Union station massacre, it became known Thursday. The two participants named by the police were only a part of the gang which had a part in the killings.

Pictures on Picture Page.

With Kansas City police revealing the identity of the machine gunners who perpetrated the Union station plaza massacre June 17, federal authorities doubted Thursday that the slayers of four law enforcement officers and their prisoner ever would be brought to justice. If they are caught now it will be more a matter of chance than anything else.

A score of federal agents saw their work of three weeks blasted when police made public the progress the investigation had made. It was only by maintaining the utmost secrecy in their search for the ruthless slayers, federal authorities declared Thursday, that they hoped to apprehend the criminals who shot down the officers as they guarded Frank Nash, notorious bandit and killer, as he was being returned to Leavenworth federal penitentiary from which he escaped in 1930.

Police at Cross Purposes.

Since the federal agents first were sent to Kansas City from a dozen cities in the middle West to track down the men who killed Raymond J. Caffery, department of justice agent; Frank Hermonson and William J. Grooms, city detectives; Otto Reed, chief of police of McAllister, Ok., and Nash, police have worked at divergent purposes, it was said Thursday.

Although the federal agents had agreed to cooperate with city detective assigned to the case, frequently they discovered that evidence was being withheld from them by the local investigators.

It was no secret at police headquarters that the Kansas City men signed to the case hoped to "break" it ahead of the federal investigators, thus receiving the credit for solution of the Union station plaza massacre and taking the stigma of the recent wave of major crimes off the department.

Known to U. S. Men.

The fact that Vernon C. Miller, St. Paul gangster, was one of the machine gunners and that he had maintained a residence at 6612 Edgevale road, was known by the department of justice agents within a few days after the wholesale killing in front of the Union station. It was the discovery of that hideout that enabled the government men to establish the fact that Miller led the

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attack on the men who guarded Nash the morning of June 17. They also discovered that Harvey Bailey was one of the men who participated in the attempted delivery which resulted in the death of the escaped convict.

Police named William Weissman as Miller's associate in the massacre. Weissman is not related to Solli Weissman, slain gangster, according to Harry Hirsch, former detective sergeant.

Considerable evidence obtained by the department of justice men still is unknown to police. They have established definitely that two machine guns were used by the gang in their attempt to release Nash.

#### For Lansing Break.

They also have learned that Miller rented the Edgevale road residence from its owner, Newman E. McFarland, April 10 for the express purpose of staging the Lansing penitentiary delivery, which brought about the release of Bailey and five other desperate convicts during a baseball game inside the prison walls Decoration day. Five other convicts, not in on the plot, took advantage of their opportunity and fled from the prison. Four of the latter have been captured.

Discovery of bloodstained bandages in the Edgevale road residence indicated to the investigators that Bailey, wounded in the calf of the leg at the time of the prison delivery, used the house for a hideout for several days after May 30. The men assigned to the case also learned that the wounded man received expert medical attention while hiding there after his escape.

#### Little Support to Theory.

That fact gave little support to the police theory that a bullet from the revolver of Grooms wounded one of the machine gunners as he shot down his five victims in front of the Union station.

Police were "tipped" to the location of the gang hideout when residents of the neighborhood noticed that several men were watching what they believed was a vacant house. The federal agents had discovered the place and searched it, obtaining conclusive proof that Miller and several other criminals had spent more than two months there before their sudden departure June 20. Bailey joined them after his escape from the Kansas penitentiary May 30.

The first clew which directed the attention of federal agents to the Edgevale road house came as a result of checking long distance telephone calls from Hot Springs Ark. just before and after the massacre. Previously they had discovered that members of the Nash-Bailey gang had used Joplin as one of their headquarters.

#### Learn "Moore's" Identity.

Several of the department of justice agents assigned to the task of running down the murderers began a searching inquiry to obtain everything available about Moore. They soon discovered that actually he was Vernon Miller, gangster and killer and associate of Bailey and Nash.

The investigators also discovered that a man answering the description of Weissman visited the Edgevale residence the night of June 16. A few hours later—12:03 o'clock the morning of June 17—another telephone call was made, this time from the Union station to the home of Herb Farmer in Joplin. Agents believe that the last long distance communication was either by Miller or one of his associates to obtain confirmation of the report that Nash was on his way to Kansas City.

Early the morning of June 17—about 6 o'clock—Miller, Bailey and four associates in three cars drove to the Union station plaza and parked to await the arrival of the man they planned to rescue.

#### Wait More Than Hour.

For more than an hour the killers sat in their cars or walked in front of the station, watching carefully for the appearance of Nash and his guards. One of their number made several inquiries concerning the time of arrival of the train from Fort Smith, Ark. When it arrived at 7:12 o'clock June 17 with Nash and his guards, Reed, Frank Smith and L. J. Lackey, the latter two agents of the United States bureau of investigation, the killers went back to their cars and seized their weapons.

At the station Caffrey, R. E. Vetterli, in charge of the Kansas City office of the United States bureau of investigation, Grooms and Hermanson joined the guards. They walked with them through the station and across the plaza to where

Caffrey's car was parked.

Caffrey carried a police riot gun, but none of his companions exhibited any weapons. When they reached the parked car, in which the prisoner was to be taken to the federal penitentiary at Leavenworth, Reed, Smith and Lackey entered and took the rear seat. Nash was in the act of sliding beneath the wheel to the seat beside the driver in front when the killer announced their presence with:

"Up! Up! Put 'em up."

#### Floyd Considered.

Every gangster known by police to have used machine guns sometime in perpetrating crimes was hunted as a suspect in the killing. The police investigators even gave serious consideration to the possibility that "Pretty Boy" Floyd, Oklahoma bandit and killer, was responsible, although later investigation revealed that he was fleeing across Missouri at the time of Nash's capture in Hot Springs and had no opportunity to learn any of the details.

After the Floyd theory had been exploded, police began a search for Earl Doyle, one of the men who participated in the holdup of a North Kansas City bank messenger last February. They had little to support that theory, other than that he was desperate and had engaged in a battle with a posse while making his escape after that robbery.

#### U. S. Men Point Head.

While police were busily engaged checking rumors and false leads, department of justice men were forging ahead with their investigation. In keeping with their plan to co-operate with local authorities, they finally put the city detectives on the right trail. B. H. Thurman, former chief of detectives, was assigned to handle the city's end of the search for the killers.

Just as Thurman's investigation began to show progress, he was summarily dismissed last Sunday. No reason was given. But because of the good work he had done he was employed by the government to continue his investigation.

#### Relayed From Joplin.

When their investigation failed to reveal that any calls had been received in Kansas City directly from Hot Springs or towns in the vicinity of that Arkansas city, they checked to determine whether they had been relayed by way of Joplin. Then they discovered that a long distance call had been received at the farm of Herb Farmer, gambler, near Joplin from a Mrs. E. B. Connor at Hot Springs.

With this slender clew to work on, federal agents then began a check of all calls made from Farmer's home and they discovered that one had been made June 16 to Jackson 7073. That was just a few hours after Farmer had received the call from Mrs. Connor at Hot Springs.

Investigation of the Jackson number revealed it was that of the residence at 6612 Edgevale road. A quiet check by the agents brought out the information that the owner of the property, McFarland, operator of a cigar stand in the Pioneer Trust building, had rented the property furnished April 10 to E. C. Moore and his family.

#### Two Fired Weapons.

Grooms and Caffrey apparently were the first to realize an attempt was underway to free their prisoner. The former drew his revolver and fired in the direction from which the command came. Caffrey succeeded in firing one charge from the riot gun when the gangsters' machine gun began sounding.

Someone heard one of the men shout as the two officers fired:

"Let 'em have it!"

Machine gun fire came from two directions, subsequent investigation has revealed.

Caffrey, Grooms and Hermanson, who stood just to the right of the car in which their companions and their prisoner were seated, fell with machine bullets in their heads. Whether that burst of fire also killed Reed and Nash so far has not been determined, since events moved too fast for the surviving members of the party to recall. Lackey was shot three times through the body, but Smith, who sat between him and Reed escaped by crouching down in the car. Vetterli, standing at the rear of the vehicle, received a flesh wound in one arm.

#### From Two Directions.

Witnesses who watched the massacre and evidence left by the bullets fired by the killers furnished almost conclusive proof that bursts of machine gun fire came from two directions. Federal authorities have the names of several witnesses who saw two cars speed away as the officers and their prisoners lay dying in the Union station plaza.

The police, in presenting their version in a prepared statement, failed to explain the fact that one of the victims was struck by a ball bearing, which probably was fired from a shotgun.

From descriptions of car seen speeding southward, the investigators believe the cars proceeded to Broadway and then by a circuitous route to the Edgevale road hideout, where the killers remained until their hurried departure three days later.

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## Police Turn Tipsters For Plaza Killers

Apparently stung by public indignation over the crime wave that has given Kansas City a black name second only to that of Chicago throughout the nation, the Kansas City police department has turned tipster for criminals in an attempt to make it appear it is doing something about the Union station plaza massacre.

If the killers who murdered five men and wounded two others in the worst crime of its character in the history of the country are never caught, responsibility can be charged up to the police department—a department so inefficient that the name of the city has become a byword.

In violation of all principles of competent police work, Eugene C. Reppert, director of police, and Chief of Detectives Higgins Wednesday night gave out, with permission to print it, information warning the station plaza murders that they are known and are being sought.

This information, for the most part, was assembled by federal agents, but the police claimed credit for it in an attempt to rehabilitate the department in public opinion.

The Journal-Post has been in possession of all of the facts in connection with the station plaza crime for more than a week, but readily entered an agreement with R. E. Vetterli, chief department of justice agent here, not to print anything until the murderers were captured. The agreement was kept even to the point of killing a story after it ran in one edition because Mr. Vetterli thought it might possibly cause the killers to think they were known.

Public welfare and law enforcement have always meant too much to the Journal-Post to permit it to obstruct justice. It kept its agreement not to publish the McElroy kidnaping until Miss Mary McElroy was safe and it kept faith with Mr. Vetterli in the station massacre. If the murderers escape unwhipped of justice the conscience of this newspaper will be clear.

# Farm Home of Alleged 'Tip-Off' Man in Massacre Is on Isolated Road

## But Good Phone Service Always Is Insisted On by Herbert Farmer, Ex-Convict, Near Joplin.

By W. E. DRAPER

Special Journal Post Correspondent

JOPLIN, MO., July 6.—Although the farm home of Herbert Farmer, former convict, is in an isolated spot on a lonely road about six miles south of Joplin, it was not difficult to rouse his telephone number Thursday morning. Farmer always has insisted on prompt service and while he did not answer the calls, his wife did.

Farmer has been accused by Ray Watson, Jasper county prosecutor, of being the "tip-off" man for the ruthless killers who executed the massacre at the Kansas City Union station, in which four officers and a convict, Frank Nash, were slain.

Telephone calls from Hot Springs to Joplin and from Joplin to Kansas City on the day preceding the Kansas City massacre have been traced to Farmer's home, Prosecutor Watson said Thursday morning. Watson has been looking for Farmer for about a week.

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Farmer left home ten days ago, according to his wife, and she insists she does not know where he is now.

Joplin police have an old picture of Farmer on file and his record shows that he was given a five-year suspended sentence November 14, 1914, at El Paso, Tex., for robbing a hotel, and that he also was fined \$100 and served ninety days in jail at Tulsa for assault.

Mrs. Farmer told the writer Thursday morning she has been at home every day for the last month and that no long distance calls were received at the house.

Ed Portley, chief of detectives here, said that Farmer had been suspected since the afternoon of the massacre, when Portley, with other Joplin police, went to Farmer's home and tried to find him. At that time telephone calls from Hot Springs had been traced to Farmer in Joplin.

Suspected as Hideout.

Farmer has owned his farm for about five years and it long has been suspected of being hideout for men wanted for crimes of one kind and another. Farmer told his Joplin acquaintances that Hot Springs has been his headquarters for five years. He was said to have been a gambler there.

Farmer is about 6 feet tall and weighs 200 pounds. He is 38 years old and hard of hearing. Usually he wears a red mustache but now is smooth shaven. He dresses well and walks erect. He drives a Cadillac sedan with an Arkansas license and always stops at the best hotels. At the Farmer homestead, Mrs. Farmer and employees are caring for the farm chores.

His Wife Returns.

Mrs. Farmer said that she had not heard from her husband since the morning of the Kansas City killing. He went to town that morning and was in a drug store on South Main street when news of the massacre came in over the radio from a Coffeyville station. He left at once and did not return to his home to pack his suitcase. His wife disappeared also but she came back the next day and has been home every day since then.

Farmer was seen on the streets several days before the Kansas City affair, but when in Joplin he spends most of his time at a South Main street drug store.

Ray Watson, county prosecutor, said Farmer has a hang-out in Webb

City. It was at this place he received telephone messages from Hot Springs and relayed them to Kansas City, presumably telling of Nash's leaving Hot Springs and time of arrival at Kansas City.



## INTO ENEMY COUNTRY

**A**PPPOINTMENT of Joseph B. Keenan, a Cleveland lawyer, as an Assistant Attorney General charged with the duty of making a general attack on organized crime may, under the circumstances, be viewed as a desirable move at Washington.

The prohibition era, even if it may now be regarded as waning, has placed financial resources in the hands of "big-time" crooks and trained them in methods which would prove equally useful to them if they turn, as they can be expected to do, intensively to other fields of criminal activity in which they are already concerned.

With the vast profits of bootlegging taken away from them, the gangsters will go after other big loot from narcotics, vice, kidnapping, blackmail, counterfeiting and robbery. Another widespread outbreak of postoffice and mail car robberies is an obvious possibility. And with the Federal Government concerned in the establishment and enforcement of business codes, it will also be called upon to drive away from stabilized and regulated modern business the "racket" organizers who have long been feasting on many industries.

Local agencies should, but clearly will not, play the major part in extinguishing "the rackets." A determined, steady battle against them under Federal auspices, therefore, seems to be the only substitute that

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Police circulars today stated that Miller and Welsman were identified by the killings.

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# LINK PRETTY BOY, FIVE OTHERS FOR MURDER OF FIVE

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The announcement by Director of Police Reppert that Miller and Weissman were known to have had a part in the killings, was followed today by the appearance of circulars issued by the United States bureau of investigation, asking for the arrest of Floyd and the five convicts.

### Flee From Kansas Prison.

The circulars were issued at Washington under direction of J. Edgar Hoover, director of the bureau. They named Harvey Bailey, Wilbur Underhill, Ed Davis, James Clark, and Robert G. Brady, who escaped from the Kansas penitentiary Memorial day, and Floyd.

The circulars also bore the pictures of the six men and described them. The department also asked for the arrest of Harry J. Garner and Bernard Phillips for complicity in the killings.

Bailey was said by police to have been a friend of Nash, who was slain in the attempt to effect his escape. Bailey was the leader of the prison break Memorial day, in which the warden, Kirk Prather, was kidnaped. A photograph of Bailey was identified by a station usher as that of the man who inquired the time of arrival of the train bringing Nash from Arkansas to Kansas City.

The usher said the man limped and carried a cane. Bailey was wounded in the leg in the prison break. A man answering Bailey's description came to the house where Miller had been living two hours after the killing, police were informed today.

During Bailey's trial at Fort Scott, Kans., for bank robbery, he was identified by an officer of a Lincoln, Neb., bank as the leader of a gang which robbed the institution of about \$2,000 in 1930.

Underhill, an escaped Oklahoma prisoner, as the slayer of Merive Colver, a Wichita, Kans., policeman.

Miller, who served a term as sheriff at Huron, S. D., was widely known for his skill with firearms. He was convicted of embezzling funds while in office and sent to the state penitentiary. Later he went to Minneapolis, where he was accused of shooting an officer.

### Accused of Six Murders.

Weissman is wanted at Los Angeles for the slaying of David Antink, drug company treasurer, in 1928, and for the killing of John G. Fialello, a prohibition agent, at Elizabeth, N. J., Sept. 19, 1930.

Floyd, who emerges from the Osage bad lands for a foray against a bank and then, is accused of half a dozen murders. Police say he was in Kansas City the night before the Plaza slayings. A witness to the shooting identified a photograph of him as one of the machine gunners.

Miller had been living in a fashionable Kansas City residence district where he was known to neighbors as a gentleman of leisure who devoted considerable time to golf.

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# ARREST OF SIX ORDERED IN U.S. AGENT'S DEATH

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Immediate arrest of six persons on  
a charge of complicity in the slay-  
ing of a Department of Justice in-  
vestigator and three officials at  
Kansas City on June 17 was or-  
dered today by the Department of  
Justice.

This was made known by Attor-  
ney General Cummings, who said  
orders would be issued later for  
the arrest of three others.

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Cummings said the six which  
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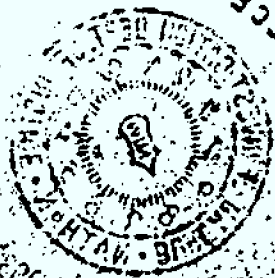
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# U. S. MEN NOW KEEP SECRETS FROM POLICE

## Federal Agents Break With Loose-Tongued K. C. Department.

### PREFER SHERIFF'S AID

#### Split Follows 'Spilling' of Clues in Hunt for Ma- chine Gunners.

The police department's action in revealing confidential government information concerning the identity of the killers sought for the Union station plaza massacre June 17 has ended the cooperation between the two law enforcement bureaus, so far as that particular case is concerned.

The fact became apparent within twelve hours after police executives issued public statements of the progress made in the effort to track down the gangsters who killed four officers and their prisoner, Frank Nash, escaped convict and killer, and wounded a fifth officer.

While most of the information made public by the police heads was erroneous and actually contained the name of only one of the men sought—a minor figure in the massacre, according to government evidence—it was sufficient to warn the fugitives that federal agents were close on their trail.

**Turn to Sheriff's Office.**  
Evidence that the department of justice investigators have switched to the sheriff's office for help in handling the Kansas City end of the investigation appeared twice Thursday.

Just before noon several agents called at the office of Sheriff Thomas B. Bash and requested that several deputies be sent with them to make an arrest in the vicinity of Fifty-sixth street terrace and Main street. Seven men, heavily armed with machine guns, bullet proof shields, gas bombs and riot guns, went to that address. There they took into custody a man who later was booked at the county jail as "John Doe."

While no information was forthcoming from either the department of justice men or deputies, it later became known that the suspect had two revolvers in his possession when arrested.

**Reported at Hideout.**  
None of the investigators believed he had any part in the massacre, but definite evidence has been obtained that he was acquainted with the gangsters who made their headquarters at 8612 Edgevale road. He was seen at that address a number of times just prior to the wholesale killing, it was said Friday.

Government agents sought the cooperation of the sheriff's office a second time shortly after 8 o'clock Thursday night. Five department of justice agents and a squad of heavily armed deputies left the county jail building in armored cars and did not return for several hours. This phase of the investigation also was within the city limits and ordinarily would have been within the province of the police department.

Profiting by the mistakes of the police department, Sheriff Bash has instructed all the men working under him to maintain the utmost secrecy in their movements against the machine gun killers.

**Circulars Show Up Police.**  
An announcement of police heads Friday that they were continuing

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## K. C. POLICE LOSE HELP OF U. S. MEN IN SLAYER HUNT

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their investigation secretly came after the severance of relations with them and after information released by Homer Cummings, attorney general of the United States, had shown that they knew little concerning the identities of the hunted men.

According to the Washington announcement, Vernon C. Miller, the killer of the Dakotas, was not the leader of the machine gunners so far as is known. The name of William Weissman, Elizabeth, N. J., bootlegger, was not even mentioned in the circulars sent by the department of justice to all peace officers of the country.

Evidence in possession of the government, the statement from Attorney General Cummings said, points to the four men who escaped Memorial day from the Kansas state penitentiary at Lansing under the leadership of Harvey J. Bailey as the actual killers. Charles (Pretty Boy) Floyd, Oklahoma hill bandit and gunman, also is listed as one of the murderers.

Miller, Herb Farmer, Joplin gambler and former convict, and Bernard Phillips, Chicago racketeer and former inmate of the federal penitentiary at Leavenworth, are sought with other members of the gang for conspiracy to commit murder.

### Tips Off on Capture.

Farmer's part in the massacre was to tip the criminals at their hide-out on Edgevale road that Nash had been captured by federal agents and was on his way to the federal penitentiary at Leavenworth by way of Kansas City.

The willingness with which police revealed their sources of information in their investigation of the massacre has had a tendency to frighten off persons who otherwise would have turned tips over to them. The desperate character of the men involved and their practice of silencing witnesses all has a tendency to close up the usual sources from which police in the past have received valuable information.

A tendency of police to close their eyes to the presence of known criminals in Kansas City so long as they remain inactive in their unlawful callings made it possible for associates of the machine gun killer to establish headquarters here from which the Lansing prison break was engineered.

The fact that a Kansas City gambler acted as a go-between for the

gang in certain outside negotiations long has been known to the Kansas prison authorities, but the man never has been questioned by Kansas City police. When the identity of the murders became known, the gambler closed his establishment here and has not been seen since in his usual haunts.

*Kansas City Journal-Post*  
*July 7, 1933*



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Mr. Edwards	✓
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### The Sammons Case

The arrest of James (Fur) Sammons in Kansas City recalls the futile efforts of the Baltimore authorities to have him extradited to this city on a charge of having been implicated in the Sonneborn pay-roll robbery which occurred in October, 1926. Shortly after the robbery the grand jury returned indictments against Sammons and Willie Nelmoth. Nelmoth later was returned to this city, tried and convicted and is now serving a ten-year sentence.

At the time the robbery was committed Sammons was on parole from Joliet prison, having been convicted of the murder of a barkeeper in 1903. But when the Baltimore authorities demanded his extradition Chicago refused the request and instead sent Sammons back to Joliet, ostensibly to complete his fifty-year term. The Baltimore authorities, however, entered a detainer the function of which was to hold Sammons for Baltimore whenever he should be released from prison.

A year and a half later Baltimore learned that Sammons had been released on the ground that his return to Joliet had been illegal. Yet Sammons was not detained and no notice was given the Baltimore authorities. When this was brought to the attention of the Warden of Joliet he replied that he had no knowledge of the detainer. Thus, once more, Sammons escaped coming to Baltimore to stand trial, and all that Baltimore could do was to comment upon the quality of Chicago justice.

This time, however, Sammons is held in Kansas City. With Chicago out of the picture there is more than a likelihood that he will be returned to Baltimore. The whole story has been an astonishing revelation of the low state to which some of our courts and the police have fallen.

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# FUR SAMMONS UNDER ARREST IN KANSAS CITY

Suspected Sonneborn  
Pay-Roll Bandit Held In  
Machine-Gun Killings

GANGSTER WANTED  
HERE SINCE 1926

Public Enemy Faces Quiz  
In Slaying Of Frank  
Nash, Four Officers

(By the Associated Press)

Kansas City, July 7.—James (Fur) Sammons, Chicago "public enemy" and the man whom Baltimore authorities have been seeking since 1926 as an alleged participant in the \$45,000 Sonneborn pay-roll robbery, is under arrest here for investigation in the machine-gun killing at Kansas City, June 17, of four officers and their prisoner, Frank Nash.

The arrest of Sammons was made known by R. E. Vetterli, in charge of the offices here of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The five deaths occurred on the Union Station plaza. They are believed to have been the result of an attempt to free Nash, notorious Oklahoma train robber and killer, who was being returned to the Federal prison at Leavenworth, where he escaped three years ago.

Nash Killing Recalled

Sammons' arrest caused investigators to recall that Nash, killed accidentally by gunmen who sought to free him as he was on his way to prison, had boasted openly of being involved in Chicago rackets.

Ten other men, including Charles (Pretty Boy) Floyd, Oklahoma desperado and killer, are sought by authorities in the case. Some of them, including Verne C. Miller, former Huron (S. D.) Sheriff, and Harvey Bailey, escaped Kansas penitentiary convict, were believed to have had Chicago connections.

Nabbed Without Resistance

Sammons was arrested yesterday without resistance, but his identity was not disclosed until today. He was booked only as "John Doe," native of Illinois.

Armed with gas bombs, riot guns and bullet-proof hand shields, Federal and county officers made the arrest at a house which they said was occupied by a bootlegger.

Sammons at first protested: "You don't want me. I don't want."

Identification Positive

Told by officers his identification was positive, and asked why he had dyed his hair black, he said:

"Well, if the parole board commits me back to Joliet (Illinois), I thought it would help to take on a masquerade."

Sammons was found unarmed, but police reported picking up two pistols in the room he occupied.

The officers said they also found \$8,589.33 in money and some expensive jewelry. The latter included a platinum wrist watch set with sixty diamonds around the dial.

Says Gems Were Gifts

"Those jewels are gifts," he protested.

"Absolutely. They are gifts."

Officers noted the serial numbers of the bank notes seized when Sammons was arrested and planned to check them.

Questioning authorities said Sammons steadfastly refused to tell his whereabouts June 17 or the days immediately before and after that date.

"You don't want me," was his reply.

Would Be Business Man

"I came here to set up an electrical business."

Sheriff Thomas B. Nash said that if Sammons was not linked with any crimes in this section he will be turned over to Baltimore or any other city seeking him.

Raymond J. Caffrey, of the Federal Bureau of Investigation; Otto Reed, McAlester (Okla.) chief of police, and two Kansas City police detectives, William J. Grooms and Frank E. Hermonson, were the officers killed at the Union Station while transferring Nash from train to motor car.

Robbery Took Place In 1926

The robbery of Henry Sonneborn & Co. occurred October 7, 1926. Shortly afterward an indictment was returned by the grand jury charging Sammons and William (Will-o-the-Wisp) Nelmoth with the crime.

Each of the men had been under arrest in Chicago on various occasions during the four years after the Baltimore crime, but on each instance was able to defeat extradition attempts.

Finally, Nelmoth was returned to Baltimore. He was tried for the Sonneborn crime and, although defended by W. W. O'Brien, prominent counsel for Chicago gangsters, was convicted and sentenced to ten years in the Penitentiary. He is still serving his term.

Sammons Once Sentenced  
To Death For Murder

Chicago, July 7 (AP)—James (Fur) Sammons, held in Kansas City, has a record dating back to the beginning of the century.

The Illinois State Supreme Court has pending a case to determine if he should be returned to prison in this State.

In 1903 Sammons was sentenced to death for the murder of a saloon keeper and in addition was convicted of

robbery. Gov. Richard Yates commuted the penalty to life imprisonment and in 1923 Gov. Len Small shortened the term to fifty years, making Sammons' release on a parole possible a month later. Three years later the parole board gave the gangster a full discharge.

Allied With Capone

Sammons immediately went into alliance with the then budding Capone and other underworld powers and in short order built up such a reputation that the Crime Commission put his name on the roster of men marked for extermination by the law.

Pressure of an anti-hoodlum campaign in Chicago seeped through to the Parole Board and in 1930 the board expunged the parole orders and Sammons again was imprisoned.

A petition for a writ of habeas corpus to free Sammons was denied by the State Supreme Court and Sammons remained in prison until last July, when a new habeas corpus writ was granted in McHenry county by Circuit Judge Edward D. Shurtleff. The Supreme Court has to decide an appeal taken by the State on Judge Shurtleff's order.

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**U. S. OFFICERS SEIZE  
CHICAGO GANGSTER**

**James Sammons Held for  
Investigation in Kansas  
City Killings.**

By Associated Press.  
KANSAS CITY, MO., July 7.—R. E. Vetterli, in charge of the Kansas City offices of the United States Bureau of Investigation, announced late today that James (Fur) Sammons, Chicago "public enemy" is under arrest here. He said it had not been established definitely if he had any connection with the shooting of four officers and their prisoner here June 17.

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# SAMMONS THOUGHT HAMM KIDNAPER

**Kansas City Massacre Suspect Also Reported Wanted in Chicago.**

By the Associated Press.

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Sheriff Thomas B. Bash sent to St. Paul officers the serial numbers of more than \$8,500 in cash found on Sammons to determine if the money is part of the ransom paid for the return of the brewer. Sammons had four \$1,000 bills and 25 \$100 bills.

Sheriff Bash forwarded photographs of his prisoner and complete descriptions to officers in various parts of the country to determine if the former Capone gangster is wanted in major crimes other than a \$45,000 pay roll robbery in Baltimore, where he is under indictment.

While officers expressed belief Sammons was not connected with the slaying of five men at the Union Station Plaza June 17 in a plot to free Frank Nash, one of the slain, an investigation of his whereabouts that day is being conducted.

Sammons has refused to say definitely where he was the day of the slaughter.

The chief of police at Baltimore by telephone today asked Sheriff Bash to hold Sammons.

T. A. J. Martin, prosecutor, immediately started to prepare a fugitive warrant upon which to hold the prisoner until the arrival of Maryland officials.

Arrest today of Herbert Farmer, 43, cheered Federal and State officers investigating the Union Station slayings. Farmer, known to police as a gambler

and ex-convict, was the second man to drop into the net spread for the killer's gang.

He was arrested without resistance at his home 7 miles south of Joplin, Mo., and, by order of the Bureau of Investigation of the Department of Justice, was held incommunicado there.

Farmer's arrest was ordered after Federal agents had traced long-distance telephone calls from Hot Springs, Ark., to his home. The calls, officers said, were placed the night after Frank Nash, train robber and escaped convict, was captured in Hot Springs by Federal agents and Otto Reid, chief of police of McAlester, Okla.

Nash, Reid, a Federal agent and two Kansas City detectives were killed in a burst of machine gun fire outside the station here when they arrived en route to the Federal Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kans., from which the fugitive escaped in 1930.

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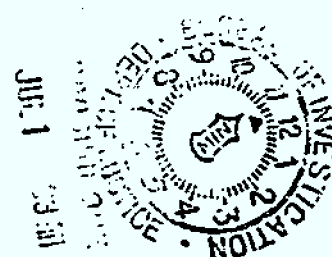
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## TWO SUSPECTS HELD IN MACHINE GUN KILLING OF 5

Herbert Farmer Seized at  
Summer Resort Home  
Near Joplin — Capone  
Gangster Also Arrested.

By the Associated Press.

JOPLIN, Mo., July 8.—Herbert Farmer, 42 years old, wanted for questioning in connection with the killing of four officers and Frank Nash, Federal convict, at the Union Station in Kansas City June 17, was arrested this afternoon by Joplin detectives at his home at a summer resort southeast of Joplin.

Farmer was wanted for questioning regarding a telephone call he is said to have received from Hot Springs, Ark., shortly after Nash was arrested there by Federal officers, and a telephone conversation he is alleged to have had with some one in the Kansas City Union Station just before the officers and Nash were slain. The calls were received at Farmer's suburban home. The home has been watched constantly since the slaying, but Farmer was absent until today.

At the request of the Department of Justice, Farmer was being held incommunicado late today awaiting arrival of Federal agents from Kansas City by airplane.

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Nash at the time of the slayings was being taken back to the Leavenworth (Kan.) Federal penitentiary from which he escaped three years ago.

Two pistols, more than \$8000 in cash and expensive jewelry were among articles which officers reported they seized at the house where Sammons was arrested. Listed in Chicago as a public enemy, Sammons was on parole in Illinois after once being sentenced to death for slaying a saloon keeper. He also is wanted in Baltimore, for questioning concerning a \$47,000 robbery.

Sammons first insisted "you don't want me," but when assured his identity was known he admitted the truth by telling why he dyed his hair:

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# FRANK NASH'S WIDOW SURRENDERS TO U. S.

## OFFICERS ASK ABOUT FLIGHT TO JOPLIN, MO.

### Woman Denies Part in Plot to Liberate Her Husband.

Mrs. Frank Nash, widow of the convict slain June 17 in the Union station plaza massacre, surrendered to government authorities here Tuesday morning, the department day, the department of justice disclosed Tuesday afternoon in Washington.

She was held on charges of obstructing justice.

It was understood that Mrs. Nash was being questioned concerning an airplane flight made to Joplin by a woman after Nash had been arrested in Hot Springs, Ark.

Mrs. Nash, it was said, told authorities that she came to Kansas City from her home in Illinois after she learned that she was being sought in connection with the Union station slayings.

#### Vetterli Won't Talk.

R. E. Vetterli, chief of the bureau of investigation of the department of justice here, declined to comment on the detention of Mrs. Nash, or even admit that the woman was being held.

"J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the bureau in Washington," Vetterli said, "is the only person authorized to make statements in connection with our operations in this case. You will have to make your inquiries there."

#### Sheriff Also Silent.

The same reply came from Sheriff Thomas H. Bash.

"This department cannot give out any statement in connection with the government's operations in this case," he said.

Asked point blank if Mrs. Nash was in his charge, he said:

"Sorry, but I know nothing about the matter."

A report that Mrs. Nash was brought from St. Louis by way of Jefferson City under guard of heavily armed government men and deputy sheriffs could not be confirmed at the sheriff's office. One report was that the deputy sheriffs from Kansas City accompanied the party from Jefferson City, but Sheriff Bash said he did not know anything about it.

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## MRS. NASH IS HELD

The Arrest of Slain Convict's  
Widow Is Reported From  
St. Louis.

### TO BE RETURNED HERE

Officers Are to Meet the Party  
in Jefferson City, It Is  
Learned.

### THE WOMAN IN THE PLANE

Telephone Angle From the Herb  
Farmer Home at Joplin In-  
volves Her.

Another arrest in connection with  
the investigation of the union station  
massacre was reported today in St.  
Louis.

This time a woman, Mrs. Frank  
Nash, widow of the convict slain with  
four officers at the union station  
plaza here June 17, was in custody.  
She was being returned to Kansas  
City for questioning by federal au-  
thorities, according to the report from  
St. Louis.

It was reported in Jefferson City  
that the federal agents who had Mrs.  
Nash in custody were expected to  
meet agents from Kansas City in the  
state capital. R. E. Vetterli, special  
agent in charge of the United States  
bureau of investigation here, declined  
to discuss the arrest.

#### In the Telephone Angle.

Mrs. Nash is said by authorities to  
be the one who telephoned the news  
of the arrest of Nash in Hot Springs,  
Ark., to the home of Herbert Farmer  
near Joplin, Mo. She used the name  
of Mrs. E. B. Connors, authorities  
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mentioned someone would fly by  
plane from Hot Springs to Joplin.

That was June 16, the day before  
the massacre at the station plaza.  
The afternoon of June 16 an airplane  
piloted by John Stover and carrying  
a woman, a man and a 7-year-old  
girl landed at Joplin. The three pas-  
sengers entered a taxicab and disap-  
peared. The pilot flew from the  
abandoned airport to the new port,  
where he registered his plane and re-  
turned to Hot Springs the following  
morning.

The theory has been advanced by  
federal agents and police that the  
woman who made the telephone call  
to the Farmer residence and the one  
who arrived in Joplin by plane is the  
same one. Officers working on the  
case say that this woman, known as  
Mrs. Connors, is Nash's widow. Mrs.  
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ter.

#### Taken to a Drug Store.

Following the arrival of the three  
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cording to the investigators. The at-  
tempted delivery led to the slaying of  
Nash and four officers as they started  
to enter a car in front of the station  
the morning of June 17.

#### A Tense U. S. Bureau.

In spite of the tight-lipped attitude  
of government operatives, it was evi-  
dent that the report of Mrs. Nash's  
arrest had created a tenseness in the  
office of the bureau of investigation  
on the ninth floor of the Federal Re-  
serve Bank building.

Telephones rang, agents reported  
for conferences with Vetterli, and the  
door of Vetterli's private office was  
opened and shut on many persons  
whose identities were not made known.

This much was learned, however,  
that Vetterli was in almost constant  
communication with Washington,  
whose directing hand in the far-  
flung trailing of the gang which per-  
petrated the union station murders  
has been pointing the way for the in-  
vestigators to go.

"Something will happen soon of  
vital importance to the case."

That seemed to be the meaning of  
the taut nerves of the agents.  
Nothing more was available in the  
huge riddle.

#### Arrest in Arkansas.

The report from Jefferson City was  
that Mrs. Nash had been arrested  
some place in Arkansas. Agents have  
been on duty in the border country  
of Oklahoma and Arkansas, where  
Nash and his gang have had hide-  
outs.

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# MRS. NASH IS HELD

The Widow of the Convict Slain in Massacre Last Month Surrenders Voluntarily.

## HERE FROM WENONA, ILL.

Announcement of Her Detention Is From J. Edgar Hoover in Washington.

## THE WOMAN IN THE PLANE

Telephone Angle From the Herb Farmer Home at Joplin Involves Her.

Mrs. Frank Nash, widow of the convict slain with four officers in the Kansas City union station massacre June 17, is under arrest.

Mrs. Nash arrived here this afternoon from Wenona, Ill. Announcement was made from Washington by J. Edgar Hoover, director of the bureau of investigation, department of justice, that Mrs. Nash came to Kansas City voluntarily.

Met in St. Louis.

Reports from St. Louis were that Mrs. Nash was met there by federal agents who made the trip with her to Kansas City.

R. E. Vetterli, special agent in charge of the bureau of investigation here, declined to discuss the arrest. Doors in the bureau department on the ninth floor of the Federal Reserve Bank building were closed tightly this afternoon, and it was reported that Mrs. Nash was being questioned.

From Washington, Director Hoover announced that Mrs. Nash was held on a charge of obstructing justice. That is the charge on which Herbert Farmer, Joplin gambler, and his wife, Esther, were held following their arrest at Joplin.

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## U. S. JOINS SEARCH FOR 'PRETTY BOY'

Floyd's Arrest Is Ordered,  
Never Yet Handcuffed for  
Murder.

By the Associated Press.

KANSAS CITY, July 12.—The Department of Justice's order for the arrest of Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd in connection with the Union Station slayings here has spurred afresh the hunt for the notorious bandit, never yet handcuffed on a murder charge.

The sensational machine gun "massacre" of four officers and their prisoner at the station plaza in what was believed to be an attempt to free the prisoner is the most recent on the trail of crimes that authorities have laid to him.

### Served One Prison Term.

But so far he has served only one prison term—four years in the Missouri penitentiary on a highway robbery conviction. In 1929, shortly after his release, Kansas City police arrested him half a dozen times, and other arrests elsewhere marked his trail.

He was arrested at Akron, Ohio, March 8, 1930, for questioning in connection with the slaying of a policeman, and again at Toledo, Ohio, May 30, 1930. That was his last trip to the lock-up.

Charged with bank robbery at Sylvania, Ohio, he escaped from jail, was recaptured, convicted and sentenced, but again escaped by leaping from a train on his way to State's prison.

### Organized Bandit Gang.

From Ohio Floyd returned to the vicinity of Sallisaw, Okla., the home of his youth, and organized a band of bank bandits operating out of the Oklahoma hills and suspected in connection with the more than 60 raids on Oklahoma banks during 1932.

Two alleged informers, a Federal prohibition agent, an Ohio policeman and an Oklahoma peace officer all were slain by Floyd, authorities say.

The hunt for Floyd was spurred anew after the kidnaping of Sheriff Jack Killingsworth when the latter chanced to enter a garage at Bolivar, Mo., where Floyd's car was being repaired. Floyd compelled the sheriff to accompany him on a drive through western Missouri before releasing him.

Floyd blames the police for driving him into a life of outlawry.

"I was innocent the first time they sent me up," he told Killingsworth.

"Good Boy," Says Mother.

His mother, Mrs. W. F. Floyd, who lives near Sallisaw, asserted Charles was "a good boy" who got into bad company.

"Pretty Boy's" wife, Ruby, 35, says there never was "a more dutiful husband" than hers, and that no boy ever had "a more affectionate father" than their son, Jackie, now 8.

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# Massacre Suspects Held in Missouri; 2 Women Included

Widow of Federal Prisoner  
Who Was Slain With Four Of-  
ficers, Is Taken in Illinois

By United Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo.—Three sus-  
pects, including two women, were in  
jail here today in connection with the  
killing of four peace officers and a  
Federal prisoner at the Union Sta-  
tion here June 17.

Mrs. Frank Nash, widow of the  
convict who was killed, presumably  
by members of his "mob" who were  
trying to liberate him, was to be  
charged today with obstructing jus-  
tice.

Federal agents who brought her  
here from Wenona, Ill., late yester-  
day indicated they believed she had  
some part in planning the escape  
plot which resulted in the massacre.

## WAS IN ARKANSAS

She admitted, according to the  
agents, that she was in Hot Springs,  
Ark., a short while before Nash, an  
escaped convict from the Federal  
Prison at Leavenworth, was cap-  
tured. She said, however, that she  
had gone back to Wenona with  
friends.

Mrs. Nash, who was booked as  
Mrs. Frances Miller, said she knew  
her husband as Frank Harrison.  
They had been married 18 months,  
she said, and her husband operated  
a chain of roadhouses near Chicago.

The other two suspects under ar-  
rest, Herbert Farmer and his wife,  
pleaded not guilty when arraigned  
late yesterday on charge of obstruct-  
ing justice.

## HELD IN \$25,000

James S. Sumners, U. S. Commis-  
sioner, ordered them held under  
\$25,000 bonds for preliminary hear-  
ings July 31.

Farmer, a professional gambler,  
was arrested at his home in Joplin  
after Federal operatives traced a  
telephone call from Hot Springs to  
his home, and another call from his  
home to Kansas City, a few hours  
before the massacre.

The Kansas City call was made to  
the home of Verne Miller, accused  
as one of the men who operated one  
of the machine guns which killed  
William J. Caffrey, agent for the  
Federal Bureau of Investigation;  
W. J. Grooms and Frank Herman-  
son, Kansas City detectives; Chief  
Police Ott Reed of McAlester,  
Okla., and Nash.

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## Widow Is Held In Kansas City Massacre of 5

**Federal Agents Charge She  
 Started Plot to  
 Free Husband.**

Kansas City, July 11 (A.P.)—The widow of Convict Frank Nash, believed by authorities to have been instrumental in setting in motion the delivery plot that resulted in his death and four officers in a hail of machine gun fire here June 17, surrendered today to Federal agents.

It was announced she would be charged with obstructing justice, the same technical charge on which Herbert Farmer, former convict of Joplin, Mo., and his wife are being held.

Secrecy surrounded the arrest of Mrs. Nash and the questioning of the woman by operatives of the United States Bureau of Investigation.

It was said she came here voluntarily from Wenona, Ill.

Federal authorities allege that Mrs. Nash notified members of her husband's gang immediately after his arrest in Hot Springs, Ark., on June 16, and made an airplane flight with her 7-year-old daughter and an unnamed man to Joplin, Mo., where she went to the home of Farmer.

From Farmer's home officers traced telephone calls to the residence in Kansas City, of Verne C. Miller, former convict and former sheriff at Huron, S. Dak., who is alleged to have wielded one of the machine guns in the Union Station Plaza here, in the daring attempt to free Nash. Miller is a fugitive, one of seven or eight persons being sought.

Before the airplane flight to Joplin, Mrs. Nash is alleged to have telephoned from Hot Springs to Farmer's Joplin home, using the name, Mrs. E. B. Connors.

Nash, convicted train robber, was being returned to Leavenworth Federal Penitentiary from which he escaped in 1930, when his gangster friends opened fire on the group of officers.

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# U. S. JOINS SEARCH FOR 'PRETTY BOY'

**Floyd's Arrest Is Ordered,  
 Never Yet Handcuffed for  
 Murder.**

By the Associated Press.  
 KANSAS CITY, July 19.—The Department of Justice's order for the arrest of Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd in connection with the Union Station slayings here has spurred afresh the hunt for the notorious bandit, never yet handcuffed on a murder charge.  
 The sensational machine gun "massacre" of four officers and their prisoner at the station plaza in what was believed to be an attempt to free the prisoner is the most recent on the trail of crimes that authorities have laid to him.

**Served One Prison Term.**  
 But so far he has served only one prison term—four years in the Missouri penitentiary on a highway robbery conviction. In 1929, shortly after his release, Kansas City police arrested him half a dozen times, and other arrests elsewhere marked his trail.

He was arrested at Akron, Ohio, March 8, 1930, for questioning in connection with the slaying of a policeman, and again at Toledo, Ohio, May 30, 1930. That was his last trip to the lock-up.

Charged with bank robbery at Sylvania, Ohio, he escaped from jail, was recaptured, convicted and sentenced, but again escaped by leaping from a train on his way to State's prison.

**Organized Bandit Gang.**  
 From Ohio Floyd returned to the vicinity of Salisaw, Okla., the home of his youth, and organized a band of bank bandits operating out of the Oklahoma hills and suspected in connection with the more than 60 raids on Oklahoma banks during 1932.

Two alleged informers, a Federal prohibition agent, an Ohio policeman and an Oklahoma peace officer all were slain by Floyd, authorities say.

The hunt for Floyd was spurred anew after the kidnaping of Sheriff Jack Killingsworth when the latter chanced to enter a garage at Bolivar, Mo., where Floyd's car was being repaired. Floyd compelled the sheriff to accompany him on a drive through western Missouri before releasing him.

Floyd blames the police for driving him into a life of outlawry.

"I was innocent the first time they sent me up," he told Killingsworth.

"Good Boy," Says Mother.

His mother, Mrs. W. F. Floyd, who lives near Salisaw, asserted Charlie was "a good boy" who got into bad company.

"Pretty Boy's" wife, Ruby, 25, says there never was "a more dutiful husband" than hers, and that no boy ever had "a more affectionate father" than their son, Jackie, now 2.

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## 5 IN MASSACRE PRISON BREAK LEADERS

KANSAS CITY, Mo., July 12 (INS). Five of the eight men sought as suspects in the Union Station massacre here June 17, in which four officers and their prisoner, Frank Nash, were killed, participated in the Memorial Day break from the Kansas State prison at Lansing, it was learned.

The eight suspects are Verne C. Miller, William Weissman, Charles ("Pretty Boy") Floyd, Harvey Barker, Willbur Underhill, Ed Davis, Robert O'Brady and Jim Clark.

All but Miller, Weissman and Floyd participated in the prison delivery.

Although officers doubt Floyd actually had part in the killing, his name was included in the list, because he is known to have been in or near Kansas City at the time. His picture also was identified by a woman witness as that of one of the men.

Evidence connecting Miller and Weissman with the slaying was uncovered by federal agents who traced telephone calls from Hot Springs, Ark., where Nash was arrested, through Joplin to Kansas City.

Miller is a former North Dakota sheriff.

Officers first announced Weissman was a brother of Solly Weissman, Kansas City gangster, killed here several years ago. Later they said they were unable to verify the relationship.

WASHINGTON, July 12 (INS).—Orders for the arrest of six desperadoes identified as having participated in the Kansas City massacre June 17 were issued by Attorney General Cummings.

Three other criminals were ordered arrested as conspirators in this outrage in which one Department of Justice agent and three police officers and their prisoner were slain. All were identified by witnesses.

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## Accused of Kansas City Slayings



Verne C. Miller (left), South Dakota former convict, and William Weisman, Kansas City police character, were said by Director E. C. Reppert of Kansas City police to be the men who killed four officers and their prisoner, Frank Nash, in front of the Union Station there, June 17. (Associated Press Photo.)

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## MAN HUNT ON BORDERS

MILLER AND WEISSMAN MAY HAVE  
TRIED TO REACH CANADA.

Search for Bailey and Underhill,  
Also Suspected in Plaza Mas-  
sacre, Is Centered in the  
Southwest.

The man hunt for Verne C. Miller,  
operator of one of the machine guns  
in the union station plaza slaughter  
here June 17, and William Weissman,  
also a participant in the massacre,  
centered last night along the United  
States-Canadian border near Detroit.

At the same time the hunt for  
Harvey Bailey, bank bandit, and his  
companion, Wilbur Underhill, both  
among the eleven convicts who es-  
caped Memorial day in a spectacular  
break from the Kansas penitentiary  
at Lansing, was centered in the hills  
of Oklahoma and south clear to the  
Mexican border.

### IN ST. PAUL RECENTLY.

It is said investigators believe Mil-  
ler, a desperate killer, and Weissman  
might attempt to cross the interna-  
tional border near Detroit. Miller is  
known to have been in St. Paul re-  
cently. Whether Weissman was with  
him then has not been determined.

It was said Miller would have "con-  
nections" once he could enter Can-  
ada. He has friends there who would  
"hide him out" indefinitely. It was  
pointed out that Harold Fontaine,  
who helped plan the last break from  
the United States penitentiary at  
Leavenworth, sought refuge in Can-  
ada. He finally was captured by  
agents of the United States bureau of  
investigation and was sentenced back  
to the Leavenworth penitentiary. He  
was accused of smuggling the fire-  
arms into the prison, which resulted  
in the break and the kidnaping of  
Thomas B. White, then warden, who  
was wounded by the fleeing convicts.

### EXPECT MILLER TO SHOOT.

"Miller is smarter than Fontaine,"  
a government officer here said last  
night. "And if Miller believed he was  
likely to get caught he would fight it  
out with his machine gun, rather  
than submit to arrest."

Miller and Weissman are believed  
to be traveling with a machine gun  
and revolvers in their car. Both were  
reported seen Thursday near Spring-  
field, O., in a blue coupe bearing a  
Kansas license and carrying two spare  
tires.

It also has been learned that the  
Canadian Northwest Mounted Police  
have been detailed to watch the  
Canadian side of the border, while  
agents of the bureau of investigation,  
other federal officers and state,  
county and city police are watching  
this side of the line.

Federal investigators have deter-  
mined two machine guns were used  
in the station killing, in addition to  
revolvers. Heretofore it has been a  
matter of speculation how many of  
the rapid-fire weapons were used.

### ONE MACHINE GUN IN CAR.

The investigation, it is reported, has  
established the fact one machine gun  
was fired from the parking space  
across from the union station, while  
another was fired from a passing mo-  
tor car into the rear of the car of the  
slaughtered officers.

Thus far only three persons have  
been arrested in the investigation.  
They are Herbert Farmer and Mrs.  
Esther Farmer, his wife, and Mrs.  
Frances Nash, widow of Frank Nash,  
alias Frank Miller, the escaped fed-  
eral prisoner slain with the officers  
here. Mrs. Nash was arrested in We-  
nona, Ill., and Mr. and Mrs. Farmer  
were arrested at Joplin. The three  
are charged with conspiracy to ob-  
struct justice. Investigators accuse  
Mrs. Nash and Farmer of telephoning  
Verne Miller at 6612 Edgevale road  
from Farmer's home. In that way  
Miller was told of the capture of  
Nash by the federal operatives and  
was told "to get Nash away from the  
government men."

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**SAMMONS BROUGHT  
BACK FOR TRIAL HERE**

Returned to Chicago by a heavy guard of detectives, James ("Pur") Sammons, notorious gangster, was held in a detective bureau cell today for trial for assault to commit murder. He was brought back from Kansas City, Mo., where he was captured recently.

Sammons had waived extradition to Illinois—he preferred it to going to Maryland for a pay-roll robbery charge—and started from Kansas City by train in custody of four detectives. A tip that gangsters were planning to rescue him sent a dozen police in automobiles to meet the train at Joliet. They hurried him into Chicago by a devious route.

The charge on which the gangster is to be tried is in connection with his participation in the \$80,000 International Harvester Company robbery in 1928. It was reinstated by authorities after being stricken off at the time Sammons was last committed to the penitentiary.

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# 'FUR' SAMMONS' TRIAL DELAYED

Trial of James ("Fur") Sammons, gangster and ex-convict, on charges of assault to commit murder, was continued this morning until the September term of court by Chief Justice John Prystalaki of Criminal Court.

The continuance was made after an agreement between Assistant State's Attorney Charles S. Dougherty and Attorney W. W. Smith, representing the gangster. Outside of court Dougherty explained that three of the state's main witnesses would not return until late in August.

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**SAMMONS FAILS  
 TO RAISE BAIL;  
 IS KEPT IN JAIL**

James "Fur" Sammons, public enemy, was held in the county jail yesterday. Bail of \$20,000 was required for his freedom and although he had \$8,500 in cash on his person when he was arrested recently in Kansas City, Mo., he was unable to furnish bail.

Two old cases against Sammons, arising out of the International Harvester company robbery of several years ago, were reinstated. He was acquitted on the robbery charge but two charges of assault to murder, due to the wounding of two watchmen, were not tried and it was on these charges that he was taken into custody by the state's attorney's police.

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## SAMMONS FINDS IT'S STILL EASY TO QUIT A JAIL

### Killer Free in Chicago on \$20,000 Bond.

Extreme care was taken in the business of bringing James (Fur) Sammons, ex-convict, public enemy, and killer, to Chicago from Kansas City, where he was arrested last week. When he arrived Sunday eight stalwart policemen with ready pistols took him to the county jail and locked him inside.

But not very safely. Yesterday Sammons walked out of the jail and is now somewhere in Chicago without a single guard to see that he doesn't go back to his old habits of holding up and shooting at honest folk.

He got out by the simple expedient of furnishing \$20,000 bonds.

#### Charged with Assault to Kill.

The charge against Sammons and the one which he was brought back to face is assault to kill. He is alleged to have been one of a band of robbers who shot and killed two guards during an \$85,000 holdup of the plant of the International Harvester company in 1928. He has been tried and acquitted of robbery, but the state revived other charges after they had been stricken off with leave to reinstate.

It was felt by State's Attorney Courtney that the bail was fixed at an amount sufficient to hold Sammons until his trial is called. But the ex-convict produced bondsmen, Nicholas and Chastine Alex of 2864 Wentworth avenue, and Vaseleka Alexopolous, 3154 Montrose avenue, who scheduled property said to be worth a total of \$55,000.

#### Wanted in Baltimore.

Sammons came back to Chicago voluntarily, waiving extradition, rather than go to Baltimore, Md., where he is under indictment for robbery. Authorities there declared they want to try him and have evidence that was sufficient to convict two of his alleged accomplices. They had already taken steps toward extradition when he was sent back to Chicago.

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Sacramento "Bee" (California), dated 7/26/33.

# **"Pretty Boy" Floyd Is Sought In San Diego**

SAN DIEGO (Calif.), July 26.—  
 (UP)—Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd,  
 notorious middle-West bank bandit  
 and killer, is sought here to-day by  
 the federal and city authorities.

Floyd was traced here from Hol-  
 lywood where he went in an at-  
 tempt to negotiate the sale of a  
 story of his life.

The authorities said the bank  
 robber, inspired with a dramatic  
 complex and an idea that he is a  
 sort of a Robin Hood, hoped to in-  
 duce film producers that his story  
 is a fit subject for a motion pic-  
 ture.

Floyd has been accused of scores  
 of crimes through the Middle West.  
 Most recently his name was associ-  
 ated with a slaughter of peace offi-  
 cers at the railroad station in Kan-  
 sas City, May 17th.

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# **FINGERPRINTS SIGN NOTE CONFESSING \$4700 BANK HOLDUP**

Post-Dispatch  
 St. Louis, Mo.  
 July 26, 1933

**Fugitive Kansas Convicts Take  
 Blame for Crime of Which  
 Others Are Accused.**

By the Associated Press.  
 OKLAHOMA CITY, Ok., July 26.  
 Five fugitives from the Lansing (Kan.) penitentiary took the blame for the Black Rock (Ark.) bank robbery of June 18, in a letter received today by the Oklahoma Publishing Co. The prisoners escaped May 30, after kidnaping the Warden and wounding a guard. Each prisoner signing the letter placed his finger print after his signature. These finger prints were verified from records by Al Shelton of the Police Bureau. The names and sentences under which the signers had been serving are: Wilbur Underhill, life term for the murder of a policeman; Bob Brady, life term as habitual criminal; Jim Clark, 30 to 100 years for a Kansas bank robbery; Harvey Bailey and Ed Davis, 20 to 100 years in connection with the same robbery. In the communication the fugitives expressed regret that several Oklahoma men had been connected with the case, and that "we sympathize with the accused, who are innocent, and want no man to suffer for our acts." The letter said the loot did not exceed \$4700 although at the time was reported at \$28,000. Postmarks showed the letter was mailed Monday at 2:30 p. m. at Coalgate, Ok. The confession came on the heels of the arrest of Thelbert Brady, Wyatt, Tulsa, 28, for the Black Rock robbery.

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## FELON ESCAPES AS WOMAN

OKLAHOMA CITY, July 31 (INS).—Wilbur Underhill, leader of the gang of ten convicts who escaped from the Kansas state penitentiary at Lansing May 30, is believed to have eluded a raiding force of seventy-five federal, state and city officers this morning by disguising himself as a woman.

The officers, who were tipped off that eight men wanted by the law, four of them escaped Kansas state penitentiary convicts, were staying at a home in the residential district here, surrounded the house early today. Shortly before daybreak, a young man and what appeared to be two women companions, none of whom answered the descriptions of the persons wanted by the raiders, were allowed to leave the house and drive away in a motor car.

When the raiding forces stormed the house behind a tear gas barrage about daybreak, they captured Dewey Shipley, 35, and Morris Herak, 28, both wanted for a bank holding.

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# 2 BANDIT SUSPECTS CAPTURED AS CITY HOUSE IS BESIEGED IN BATTLE

Man Believed Underhill and Five  
 Others Escape Cordon of 70 Of-  
 ficers Around Home

GAS BOMB BARRAGE LAID DOWN

Fugitives Sought as Kansas City Mas-  
 sacre Mob; Two Seized Wanted  
 In Arkansas

Six of the Wilbur Underhill gang of escaped desper-  
 ades were believed to have slipped through a cordon of 70  
 federal agents, deputy sheriffs and police who surrounded a  
 brick house in the 1700 block W. Park-pl early this morning.

Gas projectiles fired into the brick bungalow brought  
 out two bank robbery suspects in  
 their underwear, and the officers,  
 led by R. E. Colvin, department of  
 justice agent-in-charge, seized 12  
 shotguns, rifles and pistols and a  
 trunkful of ammunition hidden in a  
 closet.

How the men believed to be  
 Underhill, Bob Brady, Jim Clark,  
 Harvey Bailey and two others want-  
 ed for the Frank Nash massacre in  
 the Kansas City union station  
 escaped was a mystery.

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*Oklahoma City*  
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#### Eight Men in House

At 1 a. m., when the concentration of officers around the house began, agents who had watched the house for three days reported that eight men were inside.

But when the house was stormed with tear gas at daybreak only Dewey Shipley, 35, and Morris Hersh, 38, suspected in the Black Rock, Ark., bank robbery, came out with hands in air.

When the gas projectiles were fired into the house with the report of shotguns, the entire neighborhood was aroused and looked out bedroom windows to see officers heavily-armed lurking at every turn.

A crowd began to gather, which agents attempted to disperse so that they could keep the house guarded in hopes that more of the gang would return.

#### Two Drive Away

A search of the house failed to uncover any of the Underhill gang. Police Chief John Watt, in command of 40 police scouts who formed part of the net, said the only explanation were that the other men either slipped out into the alley to a car parked several blocks away, or they had another house nearby.

Officers were at every street corner and almost within arm's reach of each other around the house.

About 2 a. m., however, a man and two women came out of the house and were permitted to drive away in their car.

There was an admitted possibility that the two women were in reality disguised men.

#### Sent "Confession" in Mail

The Underhill gang, all serving long terms for bank robbery and murder, escaped from the Kansas State Penitentiary at Lansing on May 30, and spread a reign of terror through northeastern Oklahoma as they kidnaped, robbed and pillaged in their escape.

Last Monday they signed a confession mailed to newspapers and an Oklahoma City attorney in which they took the blame for the \$42,000 bank robbery at Black Rock on June 16.

However, these men are sought by federal government in connection with the massacre on June 17 of Otto Reid, McAlester police chief; William J. Groom and Frank E. Hermanson, Kansas City detectives, and Raymond J. Caffrey, U. S. special agent, as they conducted Frank Nash, Oklahoma outlaw, through the union station at Kansas City.

Officers believe the "confession" was merely an alibi in an attempt to prove they could not have been

in Kansas City on June 17 if they robbed the Arkansas bank and fled before a posse on June 16.

#### Cordon Surrounds House

The federal government also has a circular out wanting Charles A. (Pretty Boy) Floyd for the Kansas City crime, but he was not supposed to have been at the W. Park-pl house last night.

Nash was believed to have aided cording 2.32 inches of precipitation, the Underhill gang in their Kansas prison break and federal authorities think the gang was returning the favor when they tried to free him.

Officers hid in shadows, behind cars and trees and corners of houses in the all-night vigil at the brick bungalow. As day began to break, Police Officer Jack Carey and Deputy Ross Pierce, each armed with nickel-plated gas guns which have the appearance of enlarged sawed-off shotguns, approached the house from the side and rear.

#### Arsenal Found in House

With loud detonations, the guns were fired. The projectiles, crashing through the windows, were exploded and filled the rooms with gas. When no one came out, Police Detective Mickey Ryan ran close to the house and fired another projectile, this time into a bedroom, while fellow officers protected him with aimed machine-guns.

In a few seconds Shipley and Hersh came out on the porch, their eyes filled with gas, hands in air and trailing bedsheets behind them.

City Detective H. V. Wilder ran into the house, found a light-switch, but before he could turn it on, became blinded by the gas and had to come out. When the gas cleared, officers entered. A thorough search failed to uncover any of the gang seen in the house at 1 a. m.

In a closet 12 shotguns, rifles and pistols were found, each wrapped separately in newspapers, and a trunk nearly filled with ammunition to fit all of the guns found.

#### Suspected in Robbery

Shipley and Hersh were taken to the police station and jailed without being questioned. They are suspected of being two of five men who, disguised with wigs and other makeup, robbed the Black Rock bank on the morning of June 16, fled down Strawberry River on a houseboat and took to the woods with a posse in hot pursuit. A large part of the loot has been recovered.

A. J. Wyatt, another suspect, has been ordered extradited to Black Rock. Federal agents, Burns detectives, railway express agents and deputy sheriffs have been rounding up suspects here for the past three weeks.

Sheriff W. E. Archer of Black Rock was reported to have brought here a shirt found on the trail of the bandit chase in the Arkansas River bottoms, which is alleged to have the name Dewey Shipley on it.

Shipley once operated a used car lot here, officers said.

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# **SAY 'PRETTY BOY' WOULD KIDNAP A MOVIE STAR**

Los Angeles, Cal., July 30.—(AP)—A movie star kidnaping plot attributed to Charles Arthur Floyd, Oklahoma outlaw known as "Pretty Boy," resulted today in the placing of guards about the Malibu beach movie colony while southern California officers kept close watch for him.

More than a week ago the machine gunner was reported traced to California by federal officers. Later it was believed he had crossed into Mexico with two companions.

Saturday a Texas aviator, whose name authorities refused to disclose, came to department of justice headquarters here and told a story of meeting Floyd and two other men in San Diego and agreeing to act as pilot in a kidnaping, in which a movie actress now in the middle of a picture production was to be the victim.

Officers quoted the flyer as saying the actress was to be kidnaped at midnight tonight from her Malibu home, loaded into a fast plane which he was to rent, flown to an isolated spot in the mountains in Mexico, and held there until producers of her picture paid a \$250,000 ransom.

The aviator said Floyd was using a large green touring car carrying three machine guns, and that he was armed with two automatic pistols.

Chicago Tribune

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# **FRANK NASH WIDOW ACCUSED OF MURDER**

Kansas City, Mo., Aug. 1.—(P)—First-degree murder charges were filed yesterday against Mrs. Frank Nash, widow of the federal convict slain with four officers at the Union station plaza June 17, and Herbert Farmer, Joplin, Mo., former convict, and his wife, Mrs. Esther Farmer.

The three prisoners were named in state warrants after their preliminary hearing on federal charges of conspiracy to obstruct justice was postponed until Aug. 14.

They were accused specifically of the slaying of Raymond J. Caffrey, federal agent. Filing of the murder charges was interpreted as a move to prevent release of the prisoners on reduced bonds.

*Chicago Daily News*  
*August 1, 1933*

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**HELD IN SLAYING**—Mrs. Frances Luce Nash, widow of Frank Nash, fugitive convict slain with four officers by machine gunners at the Kansas City Union Station, who is being held on charges of first degree murder in connection with the slaying.—International News photo.

*Chicago Herald & Examiner*  
*August 2, 1933*

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# U. S. CRIME SITUATION IS LIKENED TO WAR

Police Chiefs Promise Victory  
With United Support of  
People 8/2/32

CHICAGO, Aug. 2. — Likening existing crime conditions in the United States to a situation as serious as war, police chiefs of the country Wednesday sought the "heartly support and co-operation of law-abiding citizens."

Their position was summed up in a resolution adopted Tuesday by the International Association of Chiefs of Police in convention. With the united support of the people, the resolution assured President Roosevelt, the police could "conquer the insidious enemy within our border."

H. D. Harper, chief of police of Colorado Springs, Colo., chairman of the press relations committee, urged a closer co-operation between police and the press, especially in regard to kidnaping cases.

In a paper read for him, J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Bureau of Investigation at Washington, declared: "To many habitual criminals are at liberty."

Frank Nash, who participated in the Kansas City murder June 17, was given as a "splendid example of the costly mercy that is accorded to criminals of this type."

"Something is decidedly wrong with a system which may be so abused as to place expressions of sentimentality before the proper protection of society," he asserted.

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# **MURDER**

charges,  
 lodged against  
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 City massacre,  
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# BANK LOOT SEIZED AS AIRPLANE LANDS

## Passenger From Texas Ar- rested at Los Angeles in Probe of Robberies.

By the Associated Press.

LOS ANGELES, August 5.—Elmer S. Wagoner, officers said, casually left behind him a suit case containing \$80,766 in stocks and bonds taken in Midwestern bank robberies as he arrived by airplane from Fort Worth, Tex., today, but city detectives were waiting.

Taking him to custody, they seized the suitcase and immediately traced part of the loot to robberies at Windom and Clay Center, Kans.

Detective Lieut. Frank James said the stocks and bonds were stolen by a gang of machine-gun men in hold-ups through Kansas and Oklahoma. Loot from these hold-ups already had been traced here, he said, declaring more than \$41,000 had been disposed of through "fences" in the last four weeks.

### Search for Four Gunmen.

Police and Federal officials began a search for four Kansas City gunmen reported here. The officers said they are believed to be members of the gang involved in the machine-gun slaying of four officers and Frank Nash, Oklahoma train robber, in front of the Kansas City railroad station last June 17.

Wagoner, described by officers as a former oil man, told detectives he did not know the bonds were stolen. He said he had been paid by a man in Oklahoma City to bring them here.

"Oh, no, just leave it here and I'll get it later," Wagoner told the airways porter who asked him if he wanted the suitcase.

### Bonds Are Identified.

Four Liberty bonds drawn to a Windom, Kans., woman were found in the suitcase, and detectives said at least a portion of the bonds corresponded in number to securities taken from the Windom State Bank last May 9, when burglars stole the bank's safe containing approximately \$75,000.

A portion of the loot also was traced to the First National Bank at Clay Center, which was held up last November 16 by machine-gun robbers who took \$9,200 in currency and \$26,000 in bonds.

Wagoner's arrest followed the arrest this week in Miami, Okla., of three men as suspects in the bank robbery gang that has been looting institutions in the Southwest during the last three months. The three held at Miami are John A. Davenport, Roy Briggs and Emmett Jones.

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**4 Gangsters Hunted  
In \$90,570 Bond Case**

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 6 (U.S.). Four Kansas City gangsters to whom, police believe, Elmer S. Wagoner was to deliver the \$90,570 in stolen bonds found in his possession when he was arrested yesterday as he stepped from an airplane, were sought here today. Police continued efforts to trace the owners of the securities.

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San Francisco "Call", dated 8/7/33.

**Pal of 'Pretty Boy'  
Captured in L. A.**

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 7 (AP).—A 19 year old boy, who, detectives said, boasted that he is a good friend of the Oklahoma desperado, Charles ("Pretty Boy") Floyd, was arrested here last night at the home of relatives at the request of the sheriff of Muskogee, Okla.

The youth is John C. Cole Jr. Detectives said they were informed he escaped July 20 from the Oklahoma state prison, where he was serving a term for robbery and that he also was awaiting trial on a charge of murder.

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## NAB GUNMAN IN BREAK SLAYING

CHICAGO, Aug. 8 (AP).—Federal authorities announced today they were holding Louis ("Doc") Stacy as the man who plotted the attempted delivery of Frank Nash, a convict, at the Kansas City Union Station recently, and that they had learned the identity of the gunmen who killed five persons in the attempt.

Melvin H. Purvis, chief of the United States Bureau of Investigation here, named Verne Miller, notorious South Dakota outlaw, as one of the gunmen who killed Nash and four police officers in a wild shooting fray at the Union Station in Kansas City. He said the other gunmen were known to federal authorities.

"The attempted delivery was planned at Stacy's home in Maywood, a Chicago suburb, but Stacy himself took no part in the shooting in Kansas City," Purvis said. "It is probable he was not even in Kansas City at the time."

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# K. C. MASSACRE PLOT HATCHED IN CHICAGO

Louis "Doc" Stacey, 46, owner of a roadhouse near Melrose Park, described by police as a hoodlum hangout, was charged in a federal warrant today with conspiring to effect the escape of Frank Nash which resulted in the massacre of Nash and four law officers in the Kansas City Union Station on June 17.

Stacey, arrested last night by government agents in his suburban roadhouse, was served with the warrant today. It had been issued by United States Commissioner Edwin K. Walker to Melvin E. Purvis, chief of the local federal bureau of investigation.

It was in Stacey's roadhouse, Purvis charged, that plans for the daring escape plot were laid by a gang of notorious hoodlums and desperadoes headed by Verne Miller, former South Dakota deputy sheriff.

## FIVE SHOT TO DEATH

Nash, an escaped federal convict from Leavenworth penitentiary, was killed by his pals along with two Kansas City policemen, and two federal agents when the law officers failed to follow the snatching arrangement expected of them by the desperadoes when they entered an automobile.

Mr. Purvis said telephone calls from Kansas City shortly before the massacre were traced to the roadhouse, known as the "O.P. Inn," and that the identity of the gang of gunmen is known.

Mr. Purvis said Stacey had known and worked with the other hoodlums and killers for many years, but that he is not believed to have taken an actual part in the Kansas City massacre, although the planned escape was mapped in his hangout.

Mr. Purvis also intended to question Stacey concerning several bank robberies and kidnappings. He was expected to seek a removal warrant for the roadhouse owner later today.

Nash and the others were slain just outside the Kansas City station when, a second after the car stopped, and his guards had entered the automobile, a gang of gunmen armed with a machine gun, pistols and shotguns, opened a withering fire at the car.

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## Nab Chicagoan in Plot in Which 5 Were Killed

A removal warrant was issued today against Louis Stecci, alias Stacey, arrested in his Maywood home last night by federal agents on a charge of organizing the conspiracy to deliver Frank Nash, an escaped convict, which resulted in the slaying of four peace officers and the convict himself in front of the Kansas City Union station June 17.

Melvin H. Purvis, chief of the local United States bureau of investigation, announced that he had evidence the plot was hatched in Stecci's O. P. Inn, a Melrose Park roadhouse in the heart of the Touhy gang district, and that he would ask that Stecci's bond be fixed at not less than \$50,000.

Arraigned before United States Commissioner Edwin K. Walker, Stecci, a swarthy, undersized individual in a light suit and open-necked shirt, pleaded not guilty. He said he wished to resist removal to Kansas City. The commissioner fixed his bond at \$50,000, as asked by the government, and allowed the government two weeks to secure documentary evidence in support of the removal warrant.

### Trace Telephone Calls.

Stecci's arrest was made on a conspiracy warrant issued at Kansas City after many telephone calls had

been traced from Kansas City to the Stecci home just prior to the kidnaping.

Purvis, asserting that the names of the plotters were known to the government, said that Verne Miller, former deputy sheriff and later notorious outlaw of South Dakota, was the leader of the gang and the man who wielded the machine gun which brought down two Kansas City detectives, a federal agent and the police chief of McAlester, Okla., as well as the man they sought to liberate.

### Held Only as Conspirator.

Stecci, Purvis indicated, took no part in the actual shooting, but he will be taken to Kansas City to stand trial as one of the conspirators as soon as action can be taken on the removal warrant.

Though they have no proof that Stecci was a member of the Touhy mob, accused of the kidnaping of William Hamm Jr., wealthy St. Paul brewer, Purvis said that Stecci had been an associate of gangsters for years and was suspected of taking part in several bank robberies. Questioning him concerning these, Purvis said, would be held in abeyance pending the outcome of the conspiracy charge.

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THE MINNEAPOLIS TRIBUNE: TUESDAY AUGUST 8 1933

## DELIVERY PLOT SUSPECT HELD

U. S. Prisoner Is Implicated in  
Plan That Led to Slaying  
of Five Persons.

Chicago, Aug. 8.—(P)—Federal authorities announced Tuesday they were holding Louis (Doc) Stacy as the man who plotted the attempted delivery of Frank Nash, a convict, at Kansas City—and that they had learned the identity of the gunmen who killed five persons including Nash, in the attempt.

Elvin H. Purvis, chief of the United States bureau of investigation here, disclosed that Stacy was arrested on a federal warrant issued at Kansas City charging conspiracy to deliver Nash.

Purvis named Verne Miller, notorious South Dakota outlaw, as one of the gunmen who killed Nash and four police officers in a wild shooting fray at the Union Railway depot in Kansas City. He said the other gunmen were known to federal authorities.

"The attempted delivery was planned at Stacy's home in Maywood (a Chicago suburb) but Stacy himself took no part in the shooting at Kansas City," Purvis said. "It is probable he was not even in Kansas City at the time."

Purvis said Stacy would be removed to Kansas City as soon as possible.

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## GAVE PLAZA ORDER

Federal Agents Hold Louis Stacy  
in Chicago as Plotter of  
the Massacre.

## SENT KILLERS TO STATION

The Release of the Convict Was  
Demanded in Telephone  
Conversations.

Verne Miller, Machine Gunner,  
Received One Message,  
It Is Said.

## KNOWN AS GANG FIGURE

A Thorough Investigation Has  
Been Made of the Road-  
house Proprietor.

The accused plotter of the  
union station massacre was un-  
der arrest today in Chicago.

He is Louis "Doc" Stacy,  
whose real name is Louis Stacci,  
according to federal authorities  
here. Stacy is held on a federal  
complaint charging him with  
conspiracy to obstruct justice.  
He will be returned to Kansas  
City.

Stacy is shown by evidence which  
federal agents say they have gath-  
ered to have issued the peremptory  
order to Kansas City members of the  
Nash gang to get Frank Nash away  
from the federal officers who were  
taking him back to the federal prison  
at Leavenworth from Hot Springs,  
Ark., where Nash was arrested.

### Five Men Are Slain.

Nash and four peace officers were  
slain by members of the gang in their  
murderous attempt to carry out their  
orders to rescue Nash from custody.

Federal agents in Chicago, who  
arrested Stacy at his home in May-  
wood, a suburb, said Stacy's connec-  
tion with the massacre had been es-  
tablished through the tracing of tele-  
phone calls made to and from his  
home the day before the machine  
guns were turned on Nash and the  
escort of federal agents and police  
officers.

Several telephone calls were traced  
in the investigation of Stacy's con-  
nection with the crime, federal au-  
thorities said today.

One was said to have been made  
from the home of Herb Farmer, near  
Joplin, to Stacy's home in Maywood.  
Agents said the call was put in by  
Mrs. Nash, after she arrived in Jop-  
lin by airplane following the arrest  
of Nash.

### One Call to Miller.

A second call that was traced was  
described as having been made by  
Stacy to Fritz Mulloy, a Kansas City  
bootlegger, who later was questioned  
in the case and released. A third call  
was traced to the house occupied by  
Verne O. Miller at 6612 Edgevale road,  
from which Miller fled after the sta-  
tion shooting.

Nash was said by federal agents to  
have told his wife that if anything  
ever happened to him she should get  
in touch with Stacy. Remembering  
that admonition, Mrs. Nash was said  
to have called Stacy when Nash was  
seized in Hot Springs by the federal  
agents on June 16.

"The government's got Frank,"  
Mrs. Nash is said to have informed  
Stacy. "He's being taken back to  
prison at Leavenworth."

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#### Results in the Plot

That appeal to gangland was said by agents to have stirred the plot that resulted in the wholesale deaths on the union station plaza.

Stacy, in turn, got in touch with Mulloy, and then called Miller at his quiet retreat in Edgevale road.

"The 'law' got Frankie," Stacy is said to have told Miller. "They'll be at the union station in the morning. Go down there and take Nash away from them."

It was a command in the hard language of the underworld. The methods to be used were not outlined in detail, but the men who undertook to carry out the orders took it to mean they were to wage a gun battle with Nash's captors, if necessary, and went to the station prepared to shoot it out.

Federal agents were unable to detail the nature of the conversations that took place between Stacy and his Kansas City and Joplin connections, but the feverish planning matured in the wholesale slaying with the freedom of a gang member as the stake.

Stacy is known in Chicago as an associate of gangsters. He operates a roadhouse known there, according to agents.

A warrant was issued for Stacy in Chicago today at the request of Melvin Purvis, agent in charge of the United States bureau of investigation in that city. William L. Vandeventer, United States district attorney here, was advised that Stacy would be arraigned today in Chicago, and a bond of \$30,000 would be sought in the hope of holding Stacy in jail pending his removal to Kansas City.

#### Fourth Under Arrest

Stacy is the fourth person arrested in the massacre plot. Mr. and Mrs. Herb Farmer of Joplin, whose home was the source of telephone calls traced by the agents, are held in jail. Mrs. Nash, the slain gangster's widow, is at liberty after having been held in jail several weeks in connection with the plot.

A nationwide search is being conducted by federal agents and police for Miller and other underworld characters who are believed to have been the actual slayers of the two Kansas City detectives, a federal agent, the

chief of police of McAlester, Ok., and Nash.

The identity of the man who made the airplane journey from High Springs to Joplin with Mrs. Nash has not been revealed by the federal agents. It was reported today that Stacy may have been her companion, but agents insisted the telephone calls from Stacy's home and to him from other persons discredit that theory.

#### Not in Any Kidnaping

An associate of gangsters for years, Chicago federal agents described Stacy as a probable member of many bank robbery plots. He is not a member of the Touhy gang, several members of which have been arrested in kidnaping investigations. Stacy had not been connected with kidnaping, according to information given out in Chicago. He long had been an associate of "Machine Gun Jack" McGurn, a Capone gunman.

Mrs. Nash was employed in Stacy's roadhouse before her marriage to the gangster, according to federal agents.

Stacy denied connection with the union station murders. He was being questioned in Chicago by federal agents.



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# OFFICERS SEE FLOYD STALK OUT OF CAFE

Famed Bandit, With Brady,  
 Underhill, Others, Is In  
 Coalgate Area.

COALGATE, Aug. 7.—(AP)—Some eastern Oklahoma residents smile knowingly, if apprehensively, when they hear reports of Charles Arthur Floyd, notorious Oklahoma outlaw, being in other states for they have become accustomed to seeing the elusive bandit leader in this section often.

And Floyd is not sojourning in these parts alone, if information coming from authentic sources can be relied upon. Among his companions are Wilbur Underhill, Bob Brady and other members of the convict band that escaped from the Kansas state prison on Decoration day, as well as some other Oklahoma desperadoes the "law" would like to lay its hands on. If a "safe meeting" with the gang can ever be arranged.

## The Gangmen Escape

A recent report that Floyd and his gang of dangerous criminals were sojourning in a hideout at Kiowa, northeast of Coalgate, proved accurate when a lone scout officer was sent there to investigate. Before the officer could call reinforcements, the gang had "flown the coop." The rumor that Floyd had died his hair red also was found to be accurate, but officers are not forgetting the facility with which a wig can obliterate such a disguise, as they recall how effectively Frank Nash, killed recently in Kansas City when confederates attempted to release him from officers, used a toupee for months to hide his bald head. The disguise was snatched from Nash's head by one of the officers who arrested him at Fort Smith, Ark.

## Nash's Brother With Gang

It is understood here that reports connecting Floyd with the wholesale machine gun slayings at the time Nash was shot have not been discounted in view of the likelihood that Nash had been running with the Floyd gang for months. A further indication of this comradeship is seen in the fact that a brother of Nash is known to be hiding out with Floyd's gang at present.

Most of these desperadoes have more than one reason for hanging out in eastern Oklahoma. The jackoak shrouded hills form a perfect hiding place; but some of the criminals know the section as "home."

Floyd spent his childhood in the Ballisaw region, in northeastern Oklahoma, where the Arkansas Ozarks dip over into this state. Twenty miles south of Ada, lives an uncle of Underhill, perhaps the most dangerous member of the outlaw band. Underhill and Brady have been making regular visits there.

## McGee's Mother in State

The mother of Walter McGee, recently condemned to death at Kansas City for kidnaping Miss Mary McKelroy, daughter of the city manager there, lives near Seminole. McGee, however, has not been connected with any outlaws in Oklahoma, officers say. He did make a swing through this section when he left Kansas City en route to Amarillo, Texas, where he was captured after the kidnaping.

A brush Floyd and his gang had with two officers from another county last week is common knowledge here. Floyd, Underhill, Brady and four other members of the band were eating in a Coalgate restaurant when the officers came in. Floyd spotted the "laws" and paid the bill; as he motioned to his companions to "come on, let's go," he warned them: "Don't start shooting unless they do."

## Officers Watch Them Go

The outlaws had their ever-ready submachine guns under their coats and the pistol-armed officers sat still and watched the bandits depart. That happened only a few hours after the gang had evacuated their Kiowa hideout.

At Kiowa, the gang had been staying at the parental home of C. C. Patterson, Floyd henchman who was wounded in the robbery last year of a Negro bank at Boley. George Birdwell, righthand man of Floyd, was killed in that robbery by a bank officer who hid in the vault.

Officers here say they have no doubt but that the letter purportedly sent to an Oklahoma City newspaper recently by Underhill and the other Kansas fugitives, in which they admitted having robbed a bank at Black Rock, Ark., is authentic.

## Doubt as to Motive

But there is doubt as to the motive whether it was to center attention away from Oklahoma City, where Charles F. Urschel, wealthy oil man, had just been kidnaped, or for some other reason. Federal operatives here are known to still be seeking the Underhill band in connection with the kidnaping. The gang escaped ahead of a posse that surrounded a house in Oklahoma City several days ago.

There are at least a dozen other criminals who have constant contact with the Floyd-Underhill gang. Among them is Adam Richetti, who escaped from officers near Wewoka several weeks ago.

The desperadoes are known to have a "grapevine" communication system unequalled perhaps in the nation. Equipped with machine guns and other modern means of defense, including bullet proof vests, they hide in places where surprise attacks by officers is impossible. Guards stalk their hill land fortresses day and night.

When the "law" meets the outlaws effectively, the officers must possess

equipment that a present is generally lacking. Without a doubt, that is why the most dangerous band of desperadoes that ever infested Oklahoma has not been tracked down.

Neither the state bureau of criminal identification nor city and county officers have automobiles fast enough to catch an Oklahoma bandit car, not to speak of the limited supply of modern weapons.

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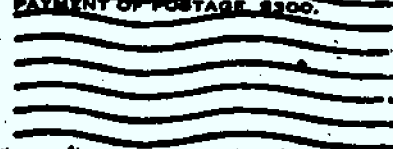
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### ***U. S. Agents Question Suspect in Massacre***

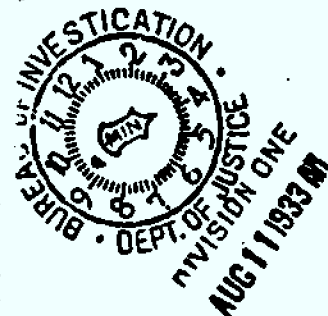
CHICAGO, Aug. 8 (U.S.).  
U. S. Bureau of Investigation  
Agents today questioned Louis  
Stacy, of Maywood, in connection  
with the recent machine gun mas-  
sacre of three policemen and a  
Federal prisoner at Kansas City.  
Federal operatives seized Stacy  
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fice of Melvin H. Purvis, head  
of the United States Bureau of  
Investigation, for questioning.

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# **SEIZE SUSPECT IN MASSACRE OF 4 AT KANSAS CITY**

Agents under Melvin H. Purvis, head of the United States bureau of investigation, yesterday seized Louis (Doc) Stacy, 209 South 7th avenue, Maywood, for questioning in connection with the recent massacre of two Kansas City policemen, a federal agent, and a federal prisoner.

Stacy was questioned in the office of Mr. Purvis and then sent to the detective bureau for the night.

It was reported that federal agents have traced a number of telephone calls from a gangster hangout in Kansas City to Stacy. The massacre occurred in front of the Kansas City Union station when an attempt was made to free the federal prisoner.

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## KILLING OF FIVE NEAR SOLUTION

Louis (Doc) Stacy Seized  
as Plotter of Shooting.

### AT KANSAS CITY STATION

Federal Officials Claim to Know  
Actual Gunmen Employed.

CHICAGO, Aug. 8 (A. P.).—The Federal authorities announced today that they are holding Louis (Doc) Stacy on a charge of plotting the attempted delivery of Frank Nash, a convict, at Kansas City, and that they have learned the identity of the gunmen who killed five persons in the attempt.

Melvin H. Purvis, chief of the Bureau of Investigation here, disclosed that Stacy was arrested on a Federal warrant issued at Kansas City, charging conspiracy to deliver Nash.

Chief Purvis also named Verne Miller, the notorious South Dakota outlaw, as one of the gunmen who killed Nash and four policemen in a wild shooting fray at the Union Station in Kansas City. He said that the other gunmen are likewise known.

"The attempted delivery was planned at Stacy's home in Maywood (a Chicago suburb) but Stacy himself took no part in the shooting in Kansas City," Chief Purvis said. "It is probable that he was not even in Kansas City at the time."

Stacy would be removed to Kansas City as soon as possible, he added, and went on to say that Stacy had been an associate of gangsters for years, but that he was not a member of the Touhy gang of Chicago, several members of which have been arrested for the kidnaping of William Hamm Jr., the St. Paul brewer, who was held for \$100,000 ransom.

The Federal authorities said that Stacy had not been connected with any kidnaping, but that he was suspected of several bank robberies. They have delayed questioning him about any bank robberies or other crimes pending an expected solution of the Kansas City killings.

The Chicago police said that Stacy has long been an intimate of Machine Gun Jack McGurn, a Capone gunman.

The attempted delivery of Nash cost the lives of five persons—two Kansas City detectives, a special agent of the Department of Justice, the Chief of Police of McAlester, Okla., and Nash himself.

Mrs. Nash, his widow, and Mrs. Herbert Farmer of Joplin, Mo., have been arrested in the case.

#### Held Under Guard.

Stacy has denied any complicity in the case. He was arrested at his roadhouse last night and held under a heavy guard at Police Headquarters.

Chief Purvis said that Miller was the leader of the gunmen, and that he and others conferred at Stacy's home and roadhouse about the delivery plans. He said that witnesses of the shooting have recognized photographs of Miller.

The shooting took place as Nash was being returned to the Federal Penitentiary at Leavenworth after having escaped.

The Federal Agents said that Miller and the other gunmen had apparently followed Nash and his captors to Kansas City from Hot Springs, Ark., where he was seized.

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## SEIZED AS PLANNER OF NASH MASSACRE

Louis Stacci Held at Chicago  
for Kansas City Shooting  
In Which Five Men Died.

### MILLER IS STILL SOUGHT

Federal Officers Say They Know  
Identity of Other Gunmen Who  
Tried to Free Convict.

CHICAGO, Aug. 9 (UP).—Louis (Doc) Stacci, a roadhouse operator also known as Stacy, was named by the Federal Government today as the man who plotted the scheme to free Frank Nash, escaped convict, at the Union Station in Kansas City on June 17.

Four peace officers and Nash met death at the hands of a machine-gun crew when the plot failed. Verne Miller, notorious South Dakota outlaw, is sought by the government as the leader of the machine gunners.

Stacci pleaded not guilty late today to a charge of conspiracy in the warrant. He was held in \$50,000 bond by Edwin K. Walker, United States Commissioner, and placed in the county jail under heavy guard pending a hearing Aug. 22 on a warrant for his removal to Kansas City.

Telephone calls between Kansas City and Stacci's home in suburban Maywood and his roadhouse on the northwest side of the city were said to have thrown suspicion upon the Chicago man.

Malvin H. Purvis, chief of the Federal Bureau of Investigation here, declared later investigations convinced him the attempted jail delivery was planned in the roadhouse. He said he believed Stacci engineered the plan but took no part in it.

Some of the telephone calls, Mr. Purvis asserted, were directly between Stacci and Miller, a former South Dakota Sheriff who turned gunman and robber.

"It is possible Stacci was not even in Kansas City at the time," Mr. Purvis said.

"We know the identity of others of the gunmen in addition to Miller. We are convinced they followed the police officers from Little Rock, Ark., where Nash was arrested, to Kansas City."

Two Kansas City detectives, a special agent of the Department of Justice, the police chief of McAlester, Okla., and Nash were killed in the shooting June 17. Mrs. Nash, widow of the slain convict, and Mrs. Herbert Farmer of Joplin, Mo., have been arrested in the case.

Prosecutors said there was a possibility Stacci might be charged with murder or conspiracy to murder. They said he was not suspected of any kidnapping, but would be questioned later concerning bank robberies.

"Machine-Gun Jack" McGurn, former Capone gunman, and Stacci were friends of long standing, Chicago police said. Stacci's roadhouse was in territory dominated by the Touhy gang, several members of which have been arrested in the \$100,000 kidnapping of William Hamm Jr., millionaire St. Paul brewer.

Mr. Purvis declared witnesses had identified photographs of Miller. The shooting fray occurred as Nash was being returned to the Federal penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kan., from which he had escaped.

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# **HOLD ALLEGED PLOTTER OF FATAL JAILBREAK**

*Philadelphia Inquirer*  
Chicago Federal Authorities Also  
Know Gunmen in Kansas City  
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**HELD IN MASSACRE.**  
Louis (Doc) Stacey, charged  
with conspiracy in Kansas  
City shooting.

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### Seized in Station Massacre Search



Louis (Doc) Stacci (left), owner of a roadhouse in Melrose Park, Ill., suburb of Chicago, is shown before United States Commissioner Edwin E. Walker in Chicago when he was ordered sent to Kansas City, where he is charged

with being an accomplice in the Union station massacre when Frank Nash, a convict, and four officers were slain by gangsters seeking Nash's release. The federal agents say that he did not take an active part in the raid, but knows who the gunmen are.

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## Roadhouse Owner Is Held In Kansas City Massacre

Chicago Man Accused of Plotting Machine-Gun Attack That Resulted in Deaths of Four Officers and Convict.

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to have first thrown suspicion upon him.

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"It is possible Stacci was not even in Kansas City at the time," Purvis said.

### Police Officers Tracked.

"We know the identity of others of the gunmen in addition to Miller. We are convinced they followed the police officers from Little Rock, Ark., where Nash was arrested, to Kansas City."

Two Kansas City detectives, a special agent of the Department of Justice, the police chief of McAlester, Okla., and Nash were killed in the shooting. Mrs. Nash, widow of the slain convict, and Mrs. Herbert Farmer, of Joplin, Mo., were arrested.

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## NEW EVIDENCE IN PLAZA MASSACRE TO GRAND JURY?

### Action Expected Soon May Mean Clearing Up of Case.

Investigation of the Union station massacre by a federal grand jury is expected when that body is reconvened August 30.

William L. Vandeventer, United States district attorney, said Wednesday that the grand jurors had been instructed to report on that date, but he said he could not reveal what matters would be brought to their attention.

The fact the jury has been recalled is considered an indication that federal investigators assigned to the task of running down the machine gunners who killed five the morning of June 17 have about completed their case. Other important arrests are expected before the investigating body assembles.

So far, four believed to be involved in the plot to free Frank Nash, escaped convict, have been arrested and charged under federal statutes as a result of the wholesale killing. Nash, with four law en-

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## NEW EVIDENCE IN PLAZA MASSACRE TO GRAND JURY?

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forcement officers, was slain by the machine gunners.

Evidence connecting Louis Stacci, Chicago night club operator, with the plot to free Nash also is expected to be presented to the grand jury.

Stacci, arrested Monday night in Chicago by department of justice agents, is held there under \$50,000 bond, pending a hearing to bring him to Kansas City.

According to evidence in the possession of federal agents, the Chicago night club owner is the man who communicated to the gang at its hide out in Kansas City the knowledge that Nash had been captured in Hot Springs. This information is believed to have caused the killers to attempt the delivery.

Also charged are Nash's widow and Herb Farmer, Joplin gambler and his wife.

While the slayers and their alleged accomplices are charged under a federal statute with conspiring to obstruct justice, that is considered merely a method to get them back to Kansas City, once apprehended, where they are to be charged in state courts with the more serious crime of first degree murder.

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## HELD FOR PLOTTING NASH SHOOTINGS

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After Kansas City Gun  
Battle.**

By the Associated Press.

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"The attempted delivery was planned at Stacy's home, in Maywood (a Chicago suburb), but Stacy took no part in the shooting in Kansas City," Purvis said. "It is probable he was not even in Kansas City at the time."

Purvis said Stacy had been an associate of gangsters for years, but was not a member of the Touhy gang of Chicago, several members of which have been arrested for the \$100,000 kidnaping of William Hamm, Jr., St. Paul brewer.

Federal authorities said Stacy was suspected of several bank robberies. Chicago police said he long had been an intimate of "Machine Gun Jack" McGurn, Capone gunman.

The attempted delivery cost the lives of two Kansas City detectives, a special agent of the Department of Justice, the police chief of McAlester, Okla., and Nash.

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## U. S. CLOSES IN ON MILLER

PLAZA KILLER BELIEVED TO BE IN  
OR NEAR CHICAGO.

Arrest of the Machine Gunner of  
Station Massacre Is Expected  
Within a Few Days by  
Authorities Here.

Federal investigators and other officers were said today to be close on the heels of Verne C. Miller, sought as one of the machine gunners in the union station plaza slaughter here June 17, it was learned from an authentic source.

Just where the trail after Miller now is concentrated could not be determined, although Miller is believed by federal authorities to have been in Chicago recently. Therefore, it is believed the man hunt for Miller now is on near Chicago.

### EXPECT A GUN FIGHT.

The pursuing officers—federal, city, county and state—are well armed and are prepared to "shoot it out" with Miller if the fugitive resists arrest when the officers catch up with him.

The last time Miller was reported seen, near Columbus, O., he was equipped with a machine gun in his motor car. William Weissman, also sought as a member of the gang at the union station killing, was reported to be in the car with Miller near Columbus. The car, investigators said, carried a Kansas license plate, and it was believed at that time that Miller and Weissman were headed for the United States-Canadian border near Detroit.

### CHICAGO A GOOD HIDE-OUT.

Federal authorities pointed out today that if Miller was in Chicago recently, it would be easy for him to be "hidden away." He has a large acquaintance in Chicago, it was said, and has many friends who would hide him from the investigators.

It still remains to be determined who the second machine gunner was at the station the morning of the slaughter. Investigators know there were two machine guns, in addition to revolvers and, possibly, shotguns. Whether the investigators know the identity of the second machine gunner probably will not be made known until after his arrest.

### CIRCULARS OUT FOR OTHERS.

The United States bureau of identification at Washington has sent out circulars to officers over the country to arrest Harvey Bailey, Wilbur Underhill and other members of the Bailey-Underhill gang still at large as escaped convicts from the Kansas penitentiary at Lansing. Bailey and Underhill were among eleven convicts who escaped in a spectacular break from the Kansas prison last Memorial day.

Bailey and Underhill are believed by the investigators to have been in the gang at the union station massacre. Authorities here believed Miller will be arrested within a few days.

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## SEIZED AS PLANNER OF NASH MASSACRE

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Louis Stacci Held at Chicago  
for Kansas City Shooting  
In Which Five Men Died.

### MILLER IS STILL SOUGHT

Federal Officers Say They Know  
Identity of Other Gunmen Who  
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Malvin H. Purvis, chief of the Federal Bureau of Investigation here, declared later investigations convinced him the attempted jail delivery was planned in the roadhouse. He said he believed Stacci engineered the plan but took no part in it.

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## Nash Jail-Delivery Plan Laid to Stacci in Chicago

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**Texas Arrest Hailed  
In U. S. War on Gangs**

Washington, Aug. 14.—(AP)—The arrest of Harvey Bailey in Texas was regarded tonight by Federal officials as a ten-strike in the Government's war against gangsters and racketeers.

Details of Bailey's capture in a before-dawn raid on a remote farmhouse near Paradise, Tex., were announced today by Attorney General Cummings, who paid highest praise to the Department of Justice agents responsible.

Bailey, in Mr. Cummings' opinion, was the leader of one of the most dangerous criminal gangs in the country. The arrest was made only a few days after President Roosevelt had taken personal direction of the Government's anti-crime campaign in conferences at Hyde Park.

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## CAPTURED MAN ALSO HELD FOR KANSAS CITY MASSACRE

DALLAS (Tex.), Aug. 14.—(AP)—

Eleven persons—headed by the notorious Harvey J. Bailey—were held tonight in the Federal government's investigation of two major crimes of the year, the machine gun slaying of five men at the Kansas City Union Station, and the \$200,000 kidnaping of Charles F. Urschel, Oklahoma City oil man.

Department of Justice agents moved swiftly at Paradise, Tex.; Denver and St. Paul, to strike a major blow at racketeering.

"Well, it looks just too bad for me, doesn't it?" commented Bailey, trapped as he slept on a cot before dawn Saturday at a farm near Paradise where officers said Urschel was held by his abductors.

Bailey, 46-year-old bank robber and fugitive from the Kansas penitentiary, sought as leader of the men who killed Frank Nash, convict, and four officers on the Kansas City Plaza June 17, was one of six persons arrested at the farm.

### A HELD IN ST. PAUL

Albert L. Bates, 39, ex-convict arrested in Denver, was identified by Department of Justice agents as George Bates, a suspect in the Urschel kidnaping. Bates is a fugitive from the Van Buren county Jail in Paw Paw, Mich. He escaped Christmas Day, 1931.

Four men were held in St. Paul on orders of Warner Hanni, chief of the United States Bureau of Investigation, who said they will be charged with conspiracy in the Urschel abduction.

Hanni said the four were linked with the passing of part of the money paid for release of the wealthy oil operator.

Those held are Sam J. Kronick, head of a barber supply and cosmetic concern; Charles Wolf, transfer company official; William Nelson, unemployed truck driver, all of Minneapolis, and Sam Koberg, official of a St. Paul manufacturing drug concern.

Sleeping with firearms beside him and a motor car ready for flight, Bailey made no resistance when

the raiding party struck at the Texas farm house.

Alongside him on the cot Bailey had a machine gun, an automatic rifle and an automatic pistol, but when he was awakened it was with the muzzle of a machine gun in the hands of Gus Jones, head of the San Antonio office of the Department of Justice, prodding him. Bailey made no effort at resistance.

The rendezvous at which Urschel was held was found only after "days of painstaking search by use of airplanes, automobiles and other means," explained the matter-of-fact official statement of the taking of the desperate Bailey.

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## Warrant May Be Served on Fifth Twin Citizen; Bailey's Firearms Tested for Clues in Kansas City Killings.

### ST. PAUL HEARINGS SET FOR AUGUST 24

Four Twin Cities men were formally charged by United States Department of Justice agents late Monday with conceiving the conspiracy that resulted in the kidnaping July 22 of Charles F. Urschel, oil millionaire of Oklahoma City.

They were held in lack of \$50,000 bail each after being arraigned before United States Commissioner W.



T. Goddard, pleading not guilty, and demanding removal hearings. The hearings were set for August 24.

The four are men to whom \$2,000 or more of the \$200,000 ransom money paid for Urschel's release has been traced.

A fifth man, a Minneapolis bootlegger who told Department of Justice agents Monday morning that he is the man through whom the money was distributed in the Twin Cities and reached the other four men, has not yet been served with the kidnap conspiracy charges. Officers, despite his admitted connection with the money, declined to say if he will be charged.

The four men are Sam J. Kronick, proprietor of a barber supply and cosmetic business at 208 East Hennepin avenue, Minneapolis; Charles Wolk, head of a transfer company in Minneapolis; William Nelson, unemployed Minneapolis truck driver, and Sam Kosberg, 1791 Goodrich avenue, St. Paul, official of a wholesale and manufacturing drug concern here.

#### Three Held for Week.

The three Minneapolis men have been held by the Department of Justice agents for a week in the St. Paul city jail without charges.

Kosberg was taken into custody when he walked into the Department of Justice office in the Federal building Monday morning voluntarily to disclose his part in handling of the money.

The formal charges were contained in complaints issued at Oklahoma City and forwarded to the Department of Justice agents here. With great secrecy, they obtained fugitive warrants for the four Monday afternoon, served the warrants and arraigned the prisoners.

Immediately it was announced by Thomas J. Newman, attorney for Kronick, that he will begin a habeas corpus action today in an attempt to obtain Kronick's release. Similar actions for the other three probably will be filed.

#### Action Follows Bailey Arrest.

The charges that the conspiracy among the four men here was responsible for the kidnaping were filed by the Department of Justice agents here within a few hours after their superior, Attorney General Cummings, announced at Washington that the Urschel kidnaping was solved by the arrest near Dallas, Texas, of Harvey Bailey, widely sought desperado, and the arrest at Denver of Albert Bates, alias George Bates.

Asked regarding the apparent discrepancy in their action and the attorney general's statements, the officers declined to comment.

According to the Associated Press, the four men held here are among eleven persons now held in the United States in the government's attempts to clean up the Urschel kidnaping.

Five other persons were arrested on the farm near Dallas, where Bailey was taken prisoner, and Department of Justice agents there announced that they have conclusive evidence that this farm was the one on which Urschel was held prisoner. Bailey, they said, was found with some of the kidnap ransom money in his possession.

#### Another Identified.

Government agents at Dallas and in Washington said that at least one other man, George Kalley, alias R. U. Shannon, has been positively identified as being one of the Urschel kidnapers. Neither he, nor Bailey, nor Bates, nor any of the persons arrested with Bailey in Texas are charged with having a part in the (Please Turn to Page 2, Col. A.)



conspiracy with the four Twin Cities men.

Kronick, after telling a different story at first, told the Federal officials here that he had obtained \$500 of the ransom money which he deposited in his bank from Kozberg. Kozberg, in his voluntary statement to the officers Monday said he obtained it from the Minneapolis bootlegger, who had walked unaccompanied from the Department of Justice office a short time before.

The Minneapolis bootlegger had confirmed Kozberg's statement to the officers, claiming he received \$2,000 or more of the kidnap ransom money from a southerner in payment for a purchase of more than 100 cases of bourbon whisky here.

#### "Too Bad," Bailey Says.

"Well, it looks just too bad for me, doesn't it?" commented Bailey, when he was trapped as he slept on a cot before dawn Saturday at a farm near Dallas where officers said Urschel was held by his abductors.

Finger prints of the multi-millionaire Oklahoman were found on a bed, a bench and a water glass in a tenant house on the farm in which officials said Urschel was held prisoner until ransomed by his family.

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Bailey made no effort at resistance.

Bailey had placed his cot some dozen feet away from the rear of the Shannon farmhouse, bedding down with his three weapons as side supports. Alongside was a new motor car parked for a quick getaway. Almost as near was still another machine gun on the back porch of the Shannon house and hundreds of rounds of ammunition for the various weapons.

#### Weapons Are Tested.

The firearms found in Bailey's possession were taken to the Dallas police rifle range, where several rounds were fired to obtain bullets for comparison with those fired in the Kansas City killings.

Bailey declined profanely today to sit for any more pictures.

"Get out of here," he shrieked when Federal agents led a photographer to his cell. "You'll get no more pictures of me. The government has put out 15,000 and you can get one for a 3-cent stamp."

The rendezvous at which Urschel was held was found only after "days of painstaking search by use of airplanes, automobiles and other means," explained a matter of fact official statement of the taking of the desperate Bailey. It also recited how the twelve officers split into groups of four and converged upon the farm house and "before the occupants were awake the officers apprehended Bailey, who has been identified by several witnesses as the machine gun operator at Kansas City."

#### House Occupants Arrested.

The five occupants of the farm house, E. G. Shannon, identified as "apparently the owner of the house"; his wife, Mrs. Ora L. Shannon; his son, Armon Shannon; Mrs. Meta Shannon, Armon's wife, and

leased after being detained a short time. The others were held incommunicado in the Dallas county jail.

Officers indicated that Bailey and the Shannons would be transferred to Oklahoma City. Although Federal agents said that charges could be preferred against them in Texas, it was believed they will elect to prosecute them in Oklahoma on kidnaping complaints.

It was in hopes that Kelley would fall into their trap that the Federal agents patrolled the roads of the Paradise area Sunday night and prevailed on Monday morning newspapers not to publish the facts of Bailey's arrest.

The agents apparently did not know that Bailey was to be their game. It so happened that the group led by Jones came upon Bailey's sleeping place and Jones, remembering the Bailey features from a rogue's gallery picture of the desperado, recognized him.

Bailey led the Memorial Day escape of eleven convicts from the Lansing, Kansas, state prison. He was serving ten to 50 years for the \$32,000 robbery of the Fort Scott, Kan., Citizens National Bank and was wanted for the two-million-dollar holdup of the Lincoln, Neb., Bank and Trust Co., September 17, 1930.

Urschel was kidnaped from his home in Oklahoma City the night of July 22 by two machine gunmen and released near Norman, Okla., nine nights later. He was said to be "vacationing" with Mrs. Urschel. Efforts to reach associates of the family who assisted in the ransom negotiations also were unsuccessful.

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# ESCAPED FELON, MASSACRE CHIEF, KIDNAPER SEIZED

## Ten Are Rounded Up for Two Big Crimes.

Dallas, Tex., Aug. 14 [Tuesday].— [Special.]—Harvey J. Bailey, escaped convict and notorious desperado, and 10 other persons were in jail last night in the federal government's investigation of two of the nation's major crimes of the year.

The raids in which the men were captured in St. Paul, Denver and Paradise, Tex., were regarded as the opening gun in President Roosevelt's war against gangsters and racketeers.

Department of justice officials moved swiftly in the three cities as they arrested men wanted in connection with the machine gun slaying of five men at the Kansas City Union station and the \$200,000 kidnaping of Charles F. Urschel, Oklahoma City oil man. Bailey is considered the leader in both these crimes.

### Trapped As He Sleeps.

Bailey, leader of one of the most dangerous criminal gangs in the country, was trapped as he slept on a cot, surrounded by a small arsenal of weapons, on a farm near Paradise. Federal officials said they found in his possession marked money which was paid for the ransom of the oil man who had been kept at the same farm where Bailey was taken. Urschel's finger prints were found in the house.

In Denver, department of justice operatives arrested Albert L. Bates, ex-convict and fugitive, and identified him as George Bates, a suspect in the Urschel kidnaping. He escaped Christmas day, 1931, from the Van Buren county jail in Paw Paw, Mich.

Four more men were held in St. Paul in connection with the Oklahoma man's abduction. Werner Hanni, chief of the United States bureau of investigation, said they were linked with the passing of part of the ransom paid for the oil man's release.

Those held were Sam J. Kronick, head of a barber supply and cosmetic concern; Charles Wolk, transfer company official; William Nelson, truck driver, all of Minneapolis, and Sam Kosberg, official of a St. Paul drug manufacturing concern.

### Praises Saviors of Bailey.

Attorney General Cummings, who paid highest tribute to the agents responsible for his arrest, said Bailey had been identified as the man who handled the machine gun which killed Frank Nash, convict, and four officers in the Kansas City plaza, June 17. He was leader of the Memorial day prison break at the Lansing, Kas., penitentiary.

Speaking in Washington after the arrest of Bailey and the others, an assistant of Mr. Cummings declared the Urschel family had been the first to follow the advice of the attorney general and notify the federal authorities at once.

### Raid on Farm House.

Airplanes and automobiles figured in the raid near Paradise in which Bailey was captured. Acting on a lead obtained in Oklahoma City, federal agents flew over the isolated spot and spied the hideout through powerful binoculars. The place was then taken by surprise before the occupants were awake.

Alongside him on the cot when they came upon him Bailey had two pistols and a rifle. Another pistol and a machine gun were on the farmhouse porch, a dozen feet away. But Bailey was asleep when the officers arrived. Authorities had had the farmhouse under surveillance for several months because of mysterious visits by strangers in large automobiles.

Despite his guns Bailey didn't have a chance to fight since he was under cover of machine guns when the officers aroused him.

"Well, it looks like it's just too bad, doesn't it?" Bailey said as he sat up and rubbed his eyes.

"Yes, it's too bad for you," replied

Frank J. Blake, chief of the department of justice agents here. "If any shooting starts we are going to kill you."

Five occupants of the farmhouse were also arrested. They are: R. G. Shannon, said to be the owner of the place; his wife, Ora, their son, Armon, and his wife, Oleta, and Earl Brown, father of Oleta. Brown as a was released. The others are held in the Dallas county jail.

Another of the Urschel kidnapers, George Kelley, has recently been with Bailey at the Shannon place, officials said.

Bailey had been sought throughout the country since Memorial day, when he led 11 convicts from the Lansing, Kas., state prison where he was serving 10 to 50 years for the \$32,000 robbery of a bank at Fort Scott, Kas. He was also wanted for the \$2,000,000 hold-up of the Lincoln, Neb., Bank and Trust company robbed on Sept. 17, 1930.

### Faces Murder Inquiry.

Bailey also is wanted in Tulsa county, Okla., for questioning on the killing of J. Earl Smith, Tulsa attorney, whose body was found near the Indian Hills country club, fifteen miles from that place, just about a year ago.

It is the theory that Bailey regarded Smith as a double-crosser and had Harry Campbell and Fred Barker, another real kill Smith. Campbell and

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# CHICAGO FORCES, AIDED BY PLANES, FIGHT GANGSTERS

Alleged Members of Nation-  
wide Ring Believed to  
Have Escaped.

BELIEVED IMPLICATED  
IN FACTOR ABDUCTION

Bogus Ransom Package Leads to  
Shooting—Car Said to Have  
Been Abandoned.

## BULLETIN.

KANSAS CITY, August 15 (P).—Harvey Bailey, under arrest at Dallas, was charged with the murder of Raymond J. Caffrey, Federal agent, killed in the Union Station plane slaughter June 17, in a warrant issued this afternoon.

T. A. J. Mastin, county prosecutor, said his office would "do all within its power" to hang Bailey or any one else who might be found guilty in connection with the wholesale killings.

By the Associated Press.

CHICAGO, August 15.—Several men believed to be members of a Nation-wide kidnap gang fought a machine gun battle with 300 masked police on the Western edge of Chicago today.

The Police—city, State and Federal, and directed by short-wave wireless from Army airplanes overhead—established cordons of defense over a wide area, but feared the fugitives had escaped, one of them apparently wounded.

Police were secretive as to the identity of the men sought, but the suspects were believed to have been implicated in the kidnaping of Charles F. Urschel, wealthy Oklahoma City oil man, and John Factor, international speculator of Chicago.

## Flee From Bangalore.

Negotiations to complete payment of ransom demands reportedly agreed upon at the time of Factor's release were reported to have put police officers on the trail of the suspects.

The gun battle began when a police detective dressed as a messenger

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# 300 Officers, Directed From Air, Battle Kidnaping Suspects.

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called at a bungalow near Thirty-first street and Wolf road—intersection of a main highway leading to Chicago—with a fake ransom package.

Three men fled from the bungalow shortly thereafter. Policeman John Meyers of the Chicago force fired upon them as they sped away in a 16-cylinder sedan—answering the description of an automobile driven by George Kennedy, suspected in the Urschel kidnaping.

Police said they learned the license on the kidnap car had been issued to Mrs. Ora L. Shannon of Paradise, Tex.

Five members of the Shannon family have been arrested in the Urschel case, police recalled, and Harvey Bailey, another suspect, was arrested at the Shannon farm.

The gun battle ended after the suspects abandoned their automobile and fled into a woods. Police followed them, fled into a woods.

Over short-wave police systems went calls summoning all available State highway, suburban and Chicago police to mobilize.

Seventeen squads of Chicago police first were called out, followed shortly by 10 more. Police officials and agents of the United States Department of Justice were aiding in the search.

## BLOW TO KIDNAPING.

Police Work in Urschel Case Halted by Federal Officials.

DALLAS, Tex., August 15 (P).—The Federal Government's challenge to the crime world's master minds held a new meaning today, with jail bars framing the faces of Harvey Bailey, one of the Nation's most desperate gunmen, and nine other persons arrested in three States.

"They'll never take me alive," Bailey once boasted. But when he was aroused from sleep to look up into a machine gun, he changed his mind and remarked:

"Well, it looks like it's just too bad, doesn't it?"

The machine gun slaying of four officers and their prisoner at Kansas City June 17 and the ransom kidnaping of Charles F. Urschel at Oklahoma City July 23 are only a few of the crimes charged up to Bailey by authorities. Ransom for Urschel has been reported as high as \$300,000.

Charges have been filed at Oklahoma City against 11 persons in connection with the kidnaping of the oil millionaire. They were filed under a Federal law which provides for a life sentence. Federal officials withheld the names of those charged, but it was understood they included Bailey, Albert L. Bates, under arrest in Denver and identified by the Department of Justice as George Bates, a suspect in the Urschel case, and George Kelly, said to have



#### Will Charge Conspiracy

In St. Paul Werner Hanzl, chief of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, said that Sam J. Kronick, Charles Wolk, William Nelson and Sam Kosberg, under arrest there, will be charged with conspiracy in the Urschel case.

Four of five persons arrested with Bailey were held. They were Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Shannon, a son, Armond, and his wife, Mrs. Oleta Shannon. The fifth person, Earl Brown, was released.

At Washington, William Stanley, assistant to the Attorney General, speaking before the Nation the facts of the Government's clean-up of the Urschel kidnapping and the Kansas City massacre, pointed out the Urschel case was the first in which the victim's family had notified the Federal Government. He said three confessions to the Urschel abduction had come from among those under arrest.

"Thus," he said, "within the course of only a few weeks after the perpetration of two of the most startling and dastardly crimes in the annals of American history, the law-enforcement arm of the Department of Justice has reached out and captured the parties responsible for these outrages."

#### Come to Government

Invoking, then, the might of the Government, he appealed to the people to come to it for aid.

"This division," he said, "has aided so unerringly in the apprehension of the recent kidnapers that we are asking you to consider carefully the record of the division and to co-operate fully with it should occasion arise."

"It is ridiculous to think that the gangster and racketeer, a negligible proportion compared with the great body of American people, is superior to the mind, ingenuity and resources of the Nation. The Department of Justice will neither temporize nor equivocate in attacking this problem."

Attorney General Cummings expressed belief that Bailey, an escaped Kansas Penitentiary convict, was the leader of one of the country's most dangerous criminal gangs.

Cummings said Bailey had been identified as an operator of a machine gun in the slayings at Kansas City. The slaughter resulted when gangsters attempted to free Frank Nash, fugitive convict, while he was being returned to prison, only to kill him accidentally in the hail of bullets that mowed down four officers, including an agent of the Department of Justice.

#### Bailey Held in Dallas

Bailey, taken at a lonely farm cabin near Paradise, in North Texas, and the four others arrested there, were being held here for probable early return to Oklahoma City.

Bailey was captured Saturday, but news of his arrest was withheld until Monday in the hope other members of his gang might return to the rendezvous. Federal operatives, aided by local officers, surprised him. They said they found marked money that had been paid to effect the safe return of the oil operator.

Urschel went with the Federal agents to the lonely cabin and there identified it thoroughly, even to finger prints.

Stanley emphasized particularly the fact the Justice Department had been enabled to move so swiftly and surely in the Urschel kidnapping because it had quick information.

"This, I believe, proves that when the law-enforcement authorities receive the co-operation of the families in such cases, together with the very excellent co-operation of the local authorities, which was extended in this particular case, real results can be obtained."

#### Wanted in Dozen States

The thoroughness of the Justice agents' work at Paradise was seen in the fact they knew every inch of ground about the cabin and had every possible bit of information of value. A shabby garage where Urschel was kept was identified by the oil man; there was a rickety cot where he had slept.

At Denver Detective Capt. William Armstrong said Bates was wanted in a dozen States for bank robberies and hold-ups and, the captain added, "we were getting ready to fight about a dozen States that are going to demand that Bates be turned over to them. We want to send him to prison for life for a Colorado robbery."

Police today announced they found marked ransom money, paid for Urschel's release, on Bates.

The Dallas jail in which Bailey was held was manned with extra guards.

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## Bailey's Trial For Murder to Get Precedence

**Ace of 'Public Enemies'  
Formally Accused of  
Missouri Massacre.**

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## GOLF WEAKNESS OF KIDNAPER; \* \* \* \* \* WAS FIRST NABBED ON COURSE

Kansas City, Aug. 15 (AP).—Four gunmen went a-golfing and three of them landed in a trap—laid by the law.

Harvey Bailey, elusive arch-criminal captured in Texas, was arrested for the first time in what officers say has been a long and sinful life as he was keeping a date with Old Man Par.

Two others taken with him while yielding to the lure of the ancient Scotch pastime on a free course here last summer were Thomas Holden and Francis L. Keating, Chicago mail train robbers who had heard the call of the birdie and eagle while serving terms in the Leavenworth federal prison, whence they had escaped.

The other member of the "jail-bird foursome", was Frank Nash, mail train robber who eluded the officers then but was taken at Hot Springs, Ark., last June 16, and slain in the Union Station plaza here the following morning with

four of the officers escorting him back to Leavenworth prison, from which he was A. W. O. L.

Vernie C. Miller, named by the government as the machine gunner in the plaza slaughter, was an ardent golfer. He played at exclusive country clubs and had been given privileges at one while his name was being put up for membership.

Shown Miller's photograph after the shooting, a caddie at a municipal course said he had toted Miller's clubs several times and that the gunman was "an excellent golfer. Others recalled he was helped in obeying one of the constant admonitions of the golf teachers by the fact that he always wore a pistol in an armpit holster and necessarily, kept the elbows close to the body.

Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd, Oklahoma outlaw and killer, is seldom seen without his golf bags, but they contain no golf clubs. He uses them to conceal submachine guns.

Dallas Daily Times



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# Hearing for Pair in 'Plot' Continued

*or World Telegram*  
KANSAS CITY, Mo., Sept. 1.—The

preliminary hearing of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Farmer of Joplin, Mo., on a charge of conspiracy to obstruct justice in the Union Station plaza slaughter here, was continued Monday until Sept. 1. The continuance was at the request of William Vandeventer United States district attorney.

A first degree murder charge also has been placed against Farmer and his wife in connection with the plot to free Frank Nash, federal prisoner, which resulted in his death with four officers who were shot down by machine gunners at Union Station plaza June 17.

Others held in connection with the case are Mrs. Frank Nash, widow of the ex-convict; Louis Stacci, arrested recently in Chicago, and Harvey Bailey, under arrest in Texas.

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# 11 Seized as U. S. Solves Two of Year's Major Crimes

## KANSAS CITY MASSACRE GUNNER IS CAPTURED

Harvey Bailey, Widely  
Sought for Slaughter  
of Five in Railway  
Station, Trapped in  
Texas Hideout.

URSCHEL RANSOM  
MONEY FOUND

Secret Service Men  
Strike Telling Blow at  
Racketeering in Raids  
Conducted in Three  
Cities.

By Associated Press.

DALLAS, TEX., August 14. — Eleven persons—headed by the notorious Harvey J. Bailey—were held tonight in the Federal Government's investigation of two major crimes of the year, the machine gun slaying of five men at the Kansas City Union Station and the \$200,000 kidnaping of Charles F. Urschel, Oklahoma City oil man.

Department of Justice agents moved swiftly about Paradise, Tex., Denver and St. Paul to strike a major blow at racketeering.

"Well, it looks just too bad for me, doesn't it?" commented Bailey, trapped as he slept on a cot before dawn Saturday at a farm near Paradise where officers said Urschel was held by his abductors.

### Gunner in Massacre.

Bailey, 46-year-old bank robber and fugitive from the Kansas Penitentiary, sought as the leader of the men who killed Frank Nash, convict, and four officers on the Kansas City Plaza June 17, was one of six persons arrested at the farm.

Federal operatives said they found on his person marked money which was paid for the ransom of Urschel.

Albert L. Bates, 38, ex-convict arrested in Denver, was identified by Department of Justice agents as George Bates, a suspect in the Urschel kidnaping. Bates is a fugitive from the Van Buren County Jail in Paw Paw, Mich. He escaped Christmas Day, 1931.

Four men were held in St. Paul upon orders of Warner Hanni, chief of the United States Bureau of Investigation, who said they will be charged with conspiracy in the Urschel abduction.

### Linked in Extortion Plot.

Hanni said the four were linked with the passing of part of the money paid for release of the wealthy oil operator.

Those held were Sam J. Kronick, head of a barber supply and cosmetic concern; Charles Wolk, transfer company official; William Nelson, unemployed truck driver, all of Minneapolis, and Sam Kozberg, official of a St. Paul manufacturing drug concern.

Sleeping with firearms beside him and a motor car stocked for flight, Bailey made no resistance when the raiding party struck at the Texas farm house.

Finger prints of the multimillionaire Oklahoman were found on a

bed, a bench and a water glass in a tenant house on the farm in which officials said Urschel was held prisoner until ransomed by his family. First announcement of the arrest came today from Homer Cummings, the Attorney General, at Washington.

Alongside him on the cot Bailey had a machine gun, an automatic rifle and an automatic pistol, but when he was awakened it was with the muzzle of a machine gun in the hands of Gus Jones, head of the San Antonio office of the Department of Justice, prodding him.

Bailey made no effort at resistance.

"Well, it looks like it is too bad, doesn't it?" Bailey said, as he sat up and rubbed his eyes.

"Yes, it is too bad for you," replied Frank J. Blake, Chief of the Department of Justice agents at Dallas.

"If any shooting starts we are going to kill you," Bailey was warned.

Jones said Bailey was the calmest prisoner he ever arrested.

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The five occupants of the farm house, R. G. Shannon, identified as "apparently the owner of the house"; his wife, Mrs. Ora L. Shannon; his son, Armon Shannon; Mrs. Oleta Shannon, Armon's wife, and Earl Brown, Oleta's father, were rushed to Dallas. Brown was released after being detained a short time. The others were held incommunicado in the Dallas County Jail.

Officers indicated that Bailey and the Shannons would be transferred to Oklahoma City. Although federal agents said that charges could be preferred against them in Texas, it was believed they will elect to prosecute them in Oklahoma on kidnaping complaints.

### *Passing of Plane Daily Helped in Capture of Bailey*

By Associated Press.

FORT WORTH, TEX., August 14.—The regular passing of an airplane over a lonely Wise County farm house where Charles Urschel, wealthy Oklahoma oil man, was held captive, resulted in the capture of Harvey Bailey, Kansas desperado, it was learned today.

When Urschel was released by kidnapers, after the payment of ransom, he told Department of Justice agents that each morning at 9:15 o'clock and each afternoon at 5:45 o'clock he heard an airplane passing overhead.

On one Sunday morning, he said, the airplane did not pass. He made a note of that and the day.

Airline schedules were checked. Although officers first believed the rendezvous was somewhere in Oklahoma, they discovered by checking the time element—that it must have been on the route of American Airways planes flying between Amarillo and Fort Worth, and that it must be near this city.

They checked Department of Commerce weather data. They checked daily reports of the pilots and of the ground radio operators. And they discovered that on the day Urschel had not heard the plane, the pilot had been forced to swerve slightly from his course because of bad weather conditions.

With that development it was comparatively simple to circle an area in which the house must have been located.



## MISSOURI MASSACRE IS LAID TO BAILEY

### Murder Charges Face Fugitive Trapped in Urschel Kidnapping

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#### Faces Murder Charge First

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The murder charge against Bailey was for the killing of Federal Agent Raymond J. Caffrey, one of the four officers slain in Kansas City. The complaint was sworn to by W. F. Trainor, of the Division of Investigation of the Department of Justice.

United States District Attorney William L. Vandeverter at Kansas City said Bailey and Miller had been positively named by eye-witnesses as the men who fired machine guns at the Union Station there in a desperate effort to free Frank Nash, train robber pal of Bailey's, who was being returned to the Leavenworth Federal penitentiary. Four officers were slain and Nash also died in the hail of machine gun slugs.

The District Attorney said Underhill was on the scene, but he did not reveal whether Underhill fired any shots.

Bailey and Underhill, the latter the slayer of a Wichita, Kans., policeman, led the Memorial Day prison break from the Kansas penitentiary at Lansing in which 11 convicts escaped by kidnapping the warden and two guards.

Bob Brady, Jim Clark and Ed Davis, among those who escaped, also are sought in connection with the Kansas City killings, as is Charles (Pretty Boy) Floyd, notorious Oklahoma killer.

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## SECOND KIDNAPPER IS SLATED TO HANG

Convict Will Be Tried for  
Murder in Kansas City,  
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"I will do all in my power to hang Bailey and any one else who might be found guilty in connection with the wholesale killings," said County Prosecutor Martin, who obtained the death verdict recently against Walter McGee, convicted in the kidnapping of Miss Mary McElroy, daughter of City Manager H. F. McElroy.

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## Floyd Is Not Lonely in His Oklahoma Hills Hideout

It Is True He Has Dyed His Hair Red—a Brother of the Slain  
Frank Nash Is With "Pretty Boy", Underhill  
and Bob Brady.

(By the Associated Press.)

**C**OALGATE, OK., Aug. 13.—Some Eastern Oklahoma residents smile knowingly, if apprehensively, when they hear reports of Charles Arthur (Pretty Boy) Floyd, notorious Oklahoma outlaw, being in other states, for they have become accustomed to often seeing the elusive bandit leader in this section.

And Floyd is not sojourning in these parts alone if information coming from authentic sources can be relied upon. Among his companions are Wilbur Underhill, Bob Brady and other members of the convict band that escaped from the Kansas state prison Decoration day, as well as some other Oklahoma desperadoes the law would like to lay its hands on.

A recent report that Floyd and his gang of dangerous criminals were at a hideout at Kiowa, northeast of Coalgate, proved accurate when an officer was sent there to investigate. Before he could call reinforcements, the gang had "flown the coop."

**His Hair Now Is Red.**

The report Floyd had dyed his hair red also was found to be accurate but officers are not forgetting the facility with which a wig can obliterate such a disguise, as they recall how effectively Frank Nash, killed recently in Kansas City when confederates attempted to release him from officers, used a toupe for months to hide his bald head. The disguise was jerked from Nash's head by one of the officers who arrested him at Hot Springs, Ark.

It was understood here reports connecting Floyd with the wholesale machine gun slayings at the time Nash was shot have not been discounted in view of the probability Nash had been running with the Floyd gang for months. A further indication of this camaraderie is seen in the fact a brother of Nash is

known to be hiding out with Floyd's gang at present.

Many of this gang of desperadoes have more than one reason for hanging out in Eastern Oklahoma. The jack oak shrouded hills form a perfect hiding place, and some of the criminals know the section as "home."

**Reared in Sallisaw Region.**

Floyd spent his childhood in the Sallisaw region, where the Arkansas Ozarks dip over into this state. Twenty miles south of Ada lives an uncle of Underhill, perhaps the most dangerous member of the outlaw band. Underhill and Brady have been making regular visits there.

The mother of Walter McGee, recently condemned to death at Kansas City for kidnaping Miss Mary McElroy, daughter of the city manager there, lives near Seminole. McGee, however, has not been connected with any outlawry in Oklahoma, officers say. He did make a swing through this section when he left Kansas City on the way to Amarillo, Tex., where he was captured after the kidnaping.

A brush Floyd and his gang had with two officers from another county last week is common knowledge here. Floyd, Underhill, Brady and four other members of the band were eating in a Coalgate restaurant when the officers came in.

**Warns His Companions.**

Floyd spotted the "laws" and paid the bill, as he motioned to his companions to "come on, let's go," he warned them: "Don't start shooting unless they do."

The outlaws had their ever-ready submachine guns under their coats and the pistol-armed officers sat still and watched the bandits depart. That happened only a few hours after the gang had evacuated its Kiowa hideout.

At Kiowa, the gang had been staying at the parental home of C. C. Patterson, Floyd henchman who was wounded in the robbery last year of

a Negro bank at Boley. George Birdwell, right hand man of Floyd, was killed in that robbery by a bank official.

Officers here say they have no doubt but that the letter purportedly sent to an Oklahoma City newspaper recently by Underhill and the other Kansas fugitives, in which they admitted having robbed a bank at Black Rock, Ark., is authentic. However, there is doubt as to the motive—whether it was to center attention away from Oklahoma City, where Charles F. Urschel, wealthy oil man, had just been kidnaped, or for some other reason.

**Believes Underhill Gang Guilty.**

Federal operatives are known to be seeking the Underhill band in connection with the kidnaping. The band escaped ahead of a posse that surrounded a house in Oklahoma City several days ago.

There are at least a dozen other criminals who have constant contact with the Floyd-Underhill gang. Among them is Adam Richetti, who escaped from officers near Wewoka several weeks ago.

This band of desperadoes is known to have a "grapevine" communication system unequaled perhaps in the nation. Equipped with machine guns and other modern means of defense, including bulletproof vests, they hide in places where surprise attacks by officers are impossible. Guards stalk their hill land fortresses day and night.

When the "law" meets the outlaws effectively, the officers must possess equipment that at present is generally lacking. Without a doubt, that is why the most dangerous band of desperadoes that ever infested Oklahoma has not been tracked down.

Neither the state bureau of criminal identification nor city and county officers have motor cars fast enough to catch an Oklahoma bandit car, not to speak of the limited supply of modern weapons.

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# Verne Miller Reported Trapped Near PLANES USED BY OFFICERS IN MAN HUNT

## Forty-three Squads Are Pursuing Suspect, Believed to Be Trigger Man in Kansas City Massacre

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Airplanes, automobile squad cars and other vehicles were mobilized. Great numbers of officers accompanied the expedition at the outset.

Forty-three squads of officers made their way to the suburb, the focal point of their attack.

Miller was reported to have been located and pursued in an automobile. With him was another man known only to police as Phillips, who also is believed to have participated in the Kansas City massacre.

One of the men was believed to have been reported when the trigger man was shot.

Reported Trapped



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# Trapped Near Chicago

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Miller was reported to have been located and pursued in an automobile. With him was another man known only to police as Phillips, who also is believed to have participated in the Kansas City massacre.

One of the men was believed to have been wounded when they abandoned the car and sought refuge in a wooded section.

There were reports the car was carrying information obtained following the arrest in Texas of Harvey E. Bailey in connection with the kidnaping of Charles F. Urschel, wealthy Oklahoma oil man.

C. A. Aids to Hunt  
Chief of Detectives Schomaker and Melvin Purvis, head of the United States Bureau of Investigation, were cooperating at the head of the giant squad of officers. Repeated calls were sent back to Chicago and to surrounding suburbs for reinforcements.

The drive continued over the edge of LaGrange, Ill., and the police station there had been reports of the progress of the raid. As the men "let the front" (phoned to the rear for reinforcements) they told of chasing the fugitive car for about a mile before it overturned in a ditch. As the men fled, the officers believed they wounded him.

A search was begun for the car in hopes of recovering information. Hundreds of officers were sent to the quiet suburbs where the car was believed to have been hidden.

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## MILLER UNLIKE USUAL NOISY TYPE KILLER

### Machine Gunner Is Rated Among Criminals as Expert Shot

Manning a machine gun at the time of "big shot" of the Union station massacre, Miller was the victim of a "big shot" of the Union station massacre. But the man who handled the deadly machine gun at the Union station the morning of June 17 is different type from the usual noisy killer whose weapons are at the disposal of anyone who can pay the price.

Miller does not look like a killer. He lives quietly and in the appearance of a respectable citizen. He does not go up and down town drunk talking loudly. He does not go to the bar and drink.

## Reported Trapped



Vernon C. Miller, machine gunner in the Kansas City massacre, was reported surrounded by officers near Chicago.

By Hunt



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## BIG DOG HIS BODYGUARD

VERNE MILLER WON'T BE CAUGHT  
NAPPING, POLICE BELIEVE.

Sleep Has Betrayed to the Law Two  
of the "Chicago Syndicate's"  
Three "Machine Gunners,"  
Burke and Bailey.

The law finally has gained a two-thirds majority in its fight with gangland's famed "Three Machine Gunners." Two are behind bars, arrested as ignominiously as drunks in a gutter. Poses captured them so neatly that resistance would have placed bullet-written periods at the conclusions of their crime careers.

Capture of the third, however, probably will prove thrilling gangland drama. And a huge yellow dog, of nondescript pedigree and possessing a set of tusk-like teeth which glisten under snarl-curved lips at every stranger, promises to be one of the principal actors.

DOG'S DESCRIPTION BROADCAST, TOO.

Verne Miller, one of the plaza massacre machine gunners, owns the dog—Rex—and searchers in every state in the union, the Royal Mounted Police in Canada, and the police in Mexico have been given as minute a description of Rex as of Miller. The North Dakota ex-sheriff still is at liberty. His buddies in the machine gun "army" of the "Chicago Syndicate," Harvey Bailey and Fred Burke, are behind bars.

Bailey and Burke, strangely enough, were captured under similar circumstances. Each was surrounded by a posse while asleep. Both, with machine guns, automatic pistols and rifles within reach, opened sleep-blearied eyes to blink into the cold steel tunnels of firearms in the hands of the law, and surrendered without any display of the bravado that punctuated their activities in the gang wars. Both were captured on farms, Bailey in Texas and Burke in Missouri.

BEYOND OF ANY SENSATION.

"You've got me," Bailey told his captors, and cursed the fates that made his arrest as unseasonal as that of his pal, Burke.

But those on the trail of Verne Miller have no misgivings about any easy capture. Rex will take care of that. When Miller moved into the house at 6612 Edgevale road several weeks before the union station plaza massacre, Rex was one of the first noticeable signs of life about the attractive stone and frame bungalow.

Rex was unlike most dogs the Edgevale road neighbors had known. The animal didn't bark nor even growl at passersby. Most men and the few women who went to the Edgevale road house were accepted by the canine sentry. Someone usually was there to shorten Rex's heavy chain when the milkman, the iceman and the postman arrived.

During most daytime hours, Rex was chained to a front porch pillar. Occasionally, at night, Miller took the dog for walks along Edgevale road.

REX WITH FLEETING MILLER.

Once Rex broke away, and his master, with a voice that should have betrayed his character completely, chased the dog to Meyer boulevard and Oak street before he could capture the animal. When Miller fled from the house two days after the plaza massacre, Rex was in the front seat of the small sedan the Miller drove.

Today, wherever Miller is, Rex is with him. Of that police are certain. Rex's hair may have been dyed. The dog now may resemble a German police dog, which would be the case if one of the many shades of hair dyes employed by the gang had been applied. And, with Rex on guard, Miller can sleep, reasonably assured that he will not be captured as were his buddies, Bailey and Burke, so long as Rex lives.

The "Three Machinegunners" learned their art in the World War and collected their dollars in the great war to set up such gangland kings as O'Bannon, Torrio and Capone.

A CRAVING FOR EXCITEMENT.

Bailey and Burke came out of the World War to return to neighboring farms in North Missouri, and because of their craving for excitement soon enlisted in the "typewriter" army of the "Chicago Syndicate." There they were joined by Miller, who had served for a time as a North Dakota peace officer and then turned racketeer.

All are credited by police and federal agents as expert marksmen. Burke was the crack pistol shot of the three, but he is believed to have trigger-fingered a machine gun in the Chicago Valentine day massacre and was rated a near par shooter with the "typewriter." Bailey and Miller were the best of the "Three Machinegunners" with the submachine gun. Miller, police say, can write his name on a wall at twenty-five paces with one of the weapons. Police do not expect to capture him alive—not so long as Rex sticks with his master.

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### DELAY FOR MRS. NASH

*Mr. and Mrs. Farmer's Hearings Also Postponed.*

Preliminary hearings of three persons held on charges of obstruction of justice in connection with the Union station massacre were postponed Monday to September 1, before United States Commissioner James B. Summers.

Mrs. Frank Nash, widow of the slain bandit, and Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Farmer, were scheduled to have preliminary hearings Monday before the commissioner.

The postponement, at the request of the United States district attorney's office, was to await the action of the federal grand jury, which will convene August 30.

It is understood all the information in the case will be laid before the grand jury.

None of the defendants was in the commissioner's office Monday. Mrs. Nash is out on bond. Mr. and Mrs. Farmer are in the county jail. Louis Stacci, Chicago racketeer, is out on bond there on a charge in connection with the Union station slaying.

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## SUSPECT IS SHOT IN BATTLING POSSE

Man Linked to Underhill  
Prison Gang Wounded  
in Arkansas

Bentonville, Ark., Aug. 17.—(AP)—Gene Johnson, believed by officers here to be a confederate of the Wilbur Underhill gang of escaped Kansas penitentiary desperadoes, was critically wounded and his wife suffered minor gunshot wounds early today in a gunfight with a large posse of officers in the hills southwest of Bentonville. Johnson was taken to a hospital at Siloam Springs, Ark.

Sheriff G. L. Maples and officers from Oklahoma and Kansas surprised a group of alleged associates of Underhill near Springtown at 2 A. M. and a fight followed in which machine guns were used by both sides.

Johnson was sought as the slayer of Patrolman Charles Bruce at McPherson, Kan., the night of May 14. Bruce was shot when he came upon four men stealing gasoline.

Johnson was not among the eleven convicts who escaped from the Kansas Penitentiary Memorial Day under the leadership of Underhill and Harvey Bailey, who is held at Dallas, Tex., for the Union Station massacre in Kansas City and the kidnapping of Charles F. Urrchel, Oklahoma City oil man. Sheriff Dee Watters, of Ottawa County, Oklahoma, a member of today's posse, said Glenn Wright, wanted for the murder last spring of an automobile convoy driver at Picher, Okla., was sighted and believed wounded also. Wright was not captured, however.

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## FUGITIVE CONVICT WOUNDED IN RAID

BENTONVILLE, Ark., August 17  
(A.P.)—Gene Johnson, said by G. L. Maples, sheriff, to be a confederate of the Wilbur Underhill gang of Kansas Penitentiary fugitives, was wounded critically and his wife also was shot in a fight with officers near here today.

Maples and officers from Oklahoma and Kansas surprised what they said was the gang of Underhill confederates in their hideout near Springtown, fifteen miles southwest of here, and a fight followed in which machine guns were used on both sides.

### Peace Takes Up Trail

Mrs. Johnson was brought to a hospital here suffering from several bullet wounds.

Meanwhile the police, with bloodhounds, was tracking several other men who escaped in the encounter.

Maples said he believed some deep woods near Springtown was the hiding place of the Underhill gang.

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## Uncle Sam, Detective.

From the Louisville Courier-Journal.

It must have been a good moment for Attorney General Homer Cummings when he was able to announce the capture of Harvey Bailey, one of the king pin criminals of the Nation. Not only is this the man who led the break from the Kansas Penitentiary on Memorial Day, when a warden and two guards were kidnaped; not only is he the man who has been identified as the ring leader in the Kansas City Union Station massacre, when five men were mowed down by machine gun bullets; this Harvey Bailey is the kidnaper of Charles F. Urschel, who was snatched from his home in Oklahoma City and held until his family had paid \$200,000 ransom.

There is something more in the capture of Bailey than the mere triumph of law over the forces of organized crime. The story of how he was apprehended, how the search was made for his hide-out by airplane, and how he was arrested while lying on a cot with a machine gun, an automatic rifle and an automatic pistol beside him, would do credit to the most sensational fiction writer. The story is very pat in all its details. Urschel identifies an out-building on the farm where Bailey is discovered as the place where he was held captive, and his own fingerprints on various objects in the building corroborate his statement. A considerable number of the marked bills paid out in ransom by the Urschel family are found in Bailey's possession, linking him positively with that particular case.

The most important feature about the Bailey arrest, however, is the credit which it reflects on the Federal machinery for crime detection. Definite steps have been taken by the Roosevelt administration to strangle the kidnaping racket by means of a central agency in Washington. Nothing feasible offers such promise of relief from this national disease as the establishment of confidence among the people in the ability of the United States Government to crush the kidnapers. When such confidence is achieved, the families of kidnap victims may no longer try to hide their dealings from the proper authorities, as they now do most frequently in the hope of negotiating directly with the criminals. The successful handling of the Urschel case should go far to impress the public with Uncle Sam's superior ability to deal with kidnapers.

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## GUNMAN FLEES POSSE BULLETS

SILVAM SPRINGS, Ark., Aug. 18 (I.N.S.)—Officers from three States today searched this region for Leroy Wright, gunman, who escaped a hail of police machine gun fire which killed Gene Johnson, reputed member of the gang of Wilbur Underhill, escaped convict.

Bloodhounds aided in the search for Wright, centering in the territory north of here. Police believe the fugitive was wounded.

Johnson was fatally wounded and his wife, Jewell, was shot in the arm when a posse of 20 Arkansas, Kansas and Oklahoma officers poured machine gun and rifle fire into the Johnson farmhouse near here. Mrs. Johnson was taken to jail at Bentonville.

Johnson was accused of the murder of Policeman Charles Bruce at McPherson, Kan., on May 14.

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# BAILEY GANG SUSPECT SLAIN FROM AMBUSH

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 Wife Also Captured in Trap  
 Laid at 'Arsenal'; Wanted  
 for Fatal Kansas Holdup

By Universal Service.  
 SELOAM SPRINGS, Ark., Aug. 17.—Gene Johnson, 35, believed to be a member of the Wilbur Underhill-Harvey Bailey gang of bank robbers and kidnapers, was shot and critically wounded by police today after he, his pretty wife and another man had opened fire on 16 officers waiting in ambush.

Johnson and his wife, who suffered several wounds, were brought to a hospital here. Their companion, believed to be another desperado named Wright, escaped. Johnson died a few hours later.

Johnson was wanted in connection with the robbery of a filling station at McPherson, Kan., during which Charles Bruce, night watchman, was killed.

## FIND AN ARSENAL

A tip was received yesterday that the trio would appear at the farmhouse during the night. Sixteen picked deputies from Oklahoma, Kansas and Missouri went to the house, found to be a veritable arsenal.

Shortly after dawn a car drove up. When officers commanded it to halt, Johnson and his male companion opened fire. Johnson went down with a bullet through his head as his wife fell screaming. The other man disappeared into a clump of trees.

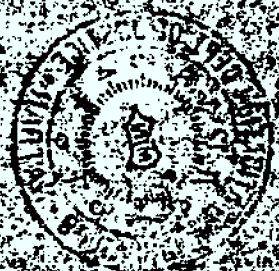
Police said they had information Johnson was a confederate of the Wilbur Underhill gang of escaped Kansas penitentiary convicts, one of whom, Harvey Bailey, wanted for participation in the Union City massacre in Kansas City and in the Urschel kidnaping, was arrested last Saturday in Dallas, Texas.

## Murder and Kidnaping 'Abolished' in Bermuda

Bermuda hasn't had a murder or kidnaping in 50 years, Inspector William B. Walters, chief of police of His Majesty's dockyard in Bermuda, said yesterday.

The reason? Inspector Walters pointed out there are no autos in Bermuda, and a murderer would have to rely on a bicycle for escape. Police radio cars such as New York uses are therefore unnecessary.

Inspector Walters, who spoke at a luncheon in his honor at the Hotel Lexington, said that he never carried a gun in 25 years' service with the metropolitan police of Scotland Yard.



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# 3-State Posse Kills Suspect in Kansas Slaying

## Reputed Underhill Gang ster Shot Dead at Arkan- sas Lair, Wife Wounded

SPRINGTOWN, Ark., Aug. 17 (AP).—Gene Johnson, alleged confederate of the Wilbur Underhill gang of escaped Kansas prison convicts, was wounded fatally and his wife, Jewell Johnson, was shot in the arm when a posse opened fire with machine guns and rifles at the Johnson farm home, near here early today.

A second alleged desperado and gunman, Leroy Wright, although believed to have been wounded, escaped from the posse of twenty Arkansas, Oklahoma and Kansas officers. Wright was trailed fourteen miles by bloodhounds in the Benton County wilds north of Siloam Springs, but got away.

Johnson, wanted for the slaying of Patrolman Charles Bruce, of McPherson, Kan., on May 14, was shot in the head and body. He was taken to a hospital at Siloam Springs, where he died this afternoon. His wife was placed in jail at Bentonville.

Mrs. Johnson said that since August 4, when the house was purchased by her husband, the Underhill gang had used it as a hideout. Frequently six of the gang were housed there at one time, she said. In the farm house were found a large quantity of ammunition and several weapons, as well as pictures of Underhill and other desperados.

**Deputy Sheriff Recounts Story**  
BENTONVILLE, Ark., Aug. 17 (AP).—R. A. Burson, Washington County deputy sheriff, one of the sixteen officers from three states who helped kill Gene Johnson near here early today, gave the following account of the battle tonight:

"The posse was formed about 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon after information had been received that Johnson and his companions would return to their farmhouse last night. I was called at Fayetteville about 7 o'clock.

"I came to Bentonville, arriving there about 9. The boys organized and took up their stand. We took possession of the house. There were sixteen officers in the party. We had six submachine guns with fifty rounds of ammunition each, and several rifles and pistols. Six men were on the wing—that is, on each side of the road leading to the house—and the remainder of the party were in the house.

"About 1:30 this morning, the party (Johnson, his wife and Leroy Wright) arrived in a new sedan. They drove up from the west and went around the house.

"They had stopped the motor when they were commanded to throw up their hands. As soon as this order was given, they tried to start the car and we blasted away at them. Apparently a shotgun charge tore out the front of the car, because the lights went out.

"The battle started then in full blast and must have lasted a minute or two, with shots flying in every direction. Johnson was hit in the head and slumped over in the car, and the girl was struck in the arm.

"A saved-off shotgun was shot out of the hand of the third man and he jumped from the car and ran, with the officers shooting at him. He ran around the house and into the woods. We got bloodhounds and trailed him about fourteen miles and we think he escaped from there in a car."

**Sets of State's Jail Record**  
SPRINGTOWN, Ark., Aug. 17 (AP).—Two sets of the jail roll confining Albert Bates, a convict arrested here Saturday for the kidnaping of Charles F. Underhill, were found saved through close to the war today. Police guards immediately were strengthened and heavy watching was placed over strangers who were to traverse a block for the search of the jail records to find out if other prisoners were

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## SEARCH COVERS THREE STATES

**Leroy Wright Who Escaped  
in Gun Battle Hunted.**

**LINKED TO SEVERAL CRIMES**

**Fled After Companions Were  
Wounded, One Fatally.**

SPRINGTOWN, Ark., Aug. 21 (A. P.).—A net to catch Leroy Wright, alleged desperado who escaped a machine gun offensive in which officers killed Gene Johnson, reputed confederate of the Wilbur Underhill gang of escaped Kansas prison inmates, and wounded his wife, was flung over three States today.

The hunt was concentrated in the wild country north of Elgin Springs where bloodhounds lost the trail and a belief that he might have taken to an automobile. Officials in Arkansas, Kansas and Oklahoma were notified. The possibility that Wright was wounded spurred the search.

**Wounded in Gun Battle.**

Twenty peace officers from the three States occupied points of vantage about the Johnson farm home near here early yesterday and opened fire when the three, Johnson, his wife and Wright, drove up in an automobile and tried to flee as they were ordered to surrender.

The men fell and Mrs. Johnson was wounded in the arm by flying splinters from the car. Her wounded husband dropped across her, partially shielding the woman from the hail of submachine gun, rifle and pistol bullets. The man believed to be Wright escaped in the confusion after a sawed-off shotgun was blasted from his hands.

Johnson died late yesterday of a wound in his head at the Elgin Springs Hospital. His wife was held in the Benton county jail at Bentonville. Arms were found in the Johnson home, and it was reported and later denied that the Underhill gang had used it as a hangout.

**Accused in Several Crimes.**

Police said Johnson was wanted, together with Wright and three other men, in the slaying of a policeman during a filling station robbery at McPherson, Kan. Wright was also wanted for a killing at Picher, Okla. Officials said Mrs. Johnson was wanted in connection with a bank robbery in Kansas.

Last night Under-Sheriff Dick Helman of Cherokee county, Kan., who participated in the raid on the Johnson home, said at Okmulgee, Kan., that Mrs. Johnson told him her husband and Wright both were implicated in the robbery of a bank at Weir, Kan. He said Mrs. Johnson would be brought here today for further questioning.

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# BARE LINK HERE TO MASSACRE IN K. C.

Details of the link between Louis Stacci, known as "Doc Stacey," proprietor of the O. P. Inn in Melrose Park, and the Kansas City killing in which six men, including a prisoner, died, were disclosed today before United States Commissioner Edwin K. Walker.

They revealed that James ("Fur") Sammons, public enemy and notorious police character, sheltered Verne Miller, desperado, sought throughout the country, after the wholesale gun slaughter.

These disclosures were made by Assistant United States District Attorney Joseph Struett, who opposed a motion by counsel for Stacci to have the latter's bond reduced from \$50,000 to \$5,000. Stacci is being held for removal to Kansas City to stand trial with Harvey Bailey, gunman and kidnaper, in connection with the Kansas City killings.

## BAIL CUT REFUSED.

Commissioner Walker refused to grant the reduction in bail and set September 7 for the removal hearing.

Reading from an affidavit prepared by Assistant United States District Attorney Thomas J. Layson of Kansas City, Prosecutor Struett recited how the wife of Frank Nash, killed with the five law-enforcement officers in the attempt to deliver him as he was being taken back to prison, had called Stacci from Kansas City when her husband was arrested after his escape.

According to the affidavit, Stacci told Mrs. Nash over the telephone: "All right. We'll make arrangements to deliver him."

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The statement added that she then called Miller, who was residing in Kansas City under the name of V. C. Moore. Miller fled from his house after the shooting and went to an apartment maintained by Sammons. Sammons was arrested two days later and sent back to Chicago. He is free on \$20,000 bonds at present awaiting trial on a charge of assault to kill growing out of a holdup.

The affidavit told how Stacci made arrangements for Mrs. Nash to go to Hot Springs, Ark., recently popular as a rendezvous for Chicago hoodlums.

From there she was transported to Joplin, Mo., then to Chicago, and eventually to her home in southern Illinois, all of her movements having been arranged by Stacci, according to the Kansas City prosecutor.

She is now under arrest in Kansas City.

## NAME BAILEY GUNNER.

Bailey, held in Dallas as one of the kidnapers of Charles Urschel, wealthy Oklahoma City oil man, is named as the operator of one of the machine guns used in the railroad station massacre.

After this story had been unraveled before the commissioner, he asserted that in view of the desperate fight being made by society against crime throughout the country and in consideration of the character of the principals involved, he could not reduce the bond.

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## Police Guns Miss Floyd; Bailey Peeves 'Pretty Boy'

ENID, Okla., Sept. 4 (U.S.)—an unsigned letter was found addressed to Harvey J. Bailey, the notorious outlaw who broke jail today at Dallas, Tex., and was recaptured at Ardmore, Okla.

It was this which lead authorities to believe that one of the fleeing gunmen was Floyd, long known in the Southwest as a bank robber and ruthless killer. Floyd evidently had been stung by Bailey's recent remark that Floyd was "small fry." The letter stated:

In the course of the chase, the fugitives abandoned their own car, stole another, later abandoned it also and stole still another car.

In one of the abandoned cars

"I may be small fry but you will have to admit I am still on the outside while you are in jail trying to beat the gallows."

The officers were untouched in the gun battle and so far as could be determined none of the men or their woman companion was wounded.

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# WHITE SEEKS FUND FREE, SLAY MRS. NASH AS 'SQUEAL'

## WIDOW MARKED FOR DEATH BY GANG

William ("Three-Fingered Jack") White, gunman and labor racketeer, has raised \$4,000 from the underworld here to be used in an effort to free Mrs. Frances Nash, widow of Frank Nash, desperado killed in the Union Station massacre at Kansas City.

The underworld wants Mrs. Nash free so she can be killed, because she has committed the unforgivable sin, according to the code of gangdom, of giving information to authorities.

The story of White's part, as well as other startling disclosures, was told to federal men by a prisoner in the county jail, The Chicago American learned today.

### WAITER ALSO MARKED.

Jimmy Harris, gray-haired waiter in the O.P. Inn in Melrose Park, who conveyed a message when desperadoes plotted the Union Station shooting, also is marked for death. He knows too much.

The prisoner was able to give intimate details of what happened as the machine gunners waited at the Kansas City railway station for officers to come out with Nash. His story clears up one point that has been much in question, and that is whether the gunmen intended to kill Nash or free him.

The intent was to free him, the prisoner said, but Verne Miller, who handled a machine gun, got the wrong end of the barrel and accidentally hit Nash with the officers shot down.

### PRISONER'S STORY.

The prisoner's story was this: "A former police official who knew Miller had parked his car near the station and Miller was afraid he would be in the line of fire. Miller said to him: 'Pull your car out of here or you might get hurt.' The fellow moved his car until Miller said: 'That's O. K. now.'"

"During the shooting Miller was recognized by Nash, who shouted to him: 'For God's sake, don't shoot me, too.' But Miller was so nervous he accidentally pulled the trigger again and sent a bullet through Nash's head.

"The whole plot was hatched here in a place near Chicago and Western ave. Tony Caprio hangs out there all the time and I think he runs it. Of course, there was some dickering done from the O. P. Inn in Melrose Park.

### WAITER TOOK MESSAGE.

"Harris, the waiter, took a telephone message from Hot Springs. It was for Louis Stacey. They call him 'Doc' Stacey, but that isn't his real name. It is something like Stacod. He owns the inn. The message was that 'Doc' should get in touch with Verne. By that it was meant Verne Miller.

"Well, the fellow on the other end of the wire said Stacey was to tell Verne to go down there and help. Harris gave Stacey the message, and Stacey, not knowing where to find Miller, got in touch with Jack White and through him got the message to Miller.

"White knew where Miller was hiding out. It was somewhere around Chicago."

### NASH'S WIDOW TALKS.

The prisoner added that Mrs. Nash, indicted in Kansas City for complicity with the massacre, got the idea that the gang had double-crossed her husband. She would not believe the killing of Nash was an accident. So she "talked."

Miller, once a South Dakota sheriff, is hunted all over the country.

**\$100,000 BONDS HIDDEN.**  
Another item of gang news contributed by the county jail inmate is that \$100,000 of stolen bonds are buried on a farm in the Chicago area, but the gang which planted the loot there in a suitcase fears to retrieve it because the owner of the land erected a house on it.

The informer predicted that Miller may endeavor to dig up the bonds if he runs short of money.

While it was generally reported that five gunmen opened the attack on the officers at Kansas City, the prisoner said there were but three. He is positive Miller was one, and so far has professed to be uncertain whether Bailey was among

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**Armed Guard Set  
 Over Gunman Held  
 In Nash Massacre**

KANSAS CITY, Sept. 9 (AP).  
 —Met by a small army of officers on his arrival here today, Louis Stacci, Chicago gangster, was taken to jail and placed under a heavy guard.

Stacci was brought here from Chicago to face trial on charges of conspiring in the plot to free Frank Nash, Oklahoma train robber, which led to the slaying of four officers and Nash June 17. The formidable array of officers and guns met Stacci to thwart a repetition of the massacre.



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# ARMED AGENTS OF U. S. STALK FOUR GUNMEN

**'Shoot First' Orders Given to  
 Hunters of 'Public Enemies';  
 Three Are Jail Fugitives**

The Department of Justice has pointed the finger of doom at four notorious criminals, officially considered the most dangerous public enemies still at large, and will dedicate every effort to their extinction.

They are:

Wilbur Underhill.  
 George ("Machine Gun") Kelly.  
 Verne C. Miller.  
 Robert G. Brady.

## ARMED LIKE HUNTERS

Government agents are stalking these archcriminals through the jungles of the underworld, and they are armed like hunters on the trail of beasts of prey.

The orders these agents carry from the headquarters of the nation's war on crime are: "Shoot first, and shoot to kill."

A high Government official said yesterday:

"If we can get these four men we will have a good start toward clearing the country of this vicious type of criminal. They are the most dangerous ringleaders still at liberty."

## ADD BAD ACTORS

Three of these four public enemies were in the gang which escaped May 30 from the Kansas State Penitentiary, spreading terror throughout the Middle West. They are sought not only as escaped convicts, but also as participants in the machine gun battle at the Union Station in Kansas City on June 17, in which four officers, including a Federal agent and their prisoner were shot to death.

The fourth, Machine Gun Kelly, is wanted in connection with the kidnaping of Charles F. Urschel at Oklahoma City, a crime for which Harvey Bailey is now awaiting trial.

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## Arrest of James Lawson Bares Strange Love Story of Couple in Underworld

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## Bride, Unaware of Code, Turns Her Husband Over to Police

By ZILFA ESTCOURT

"I always vowed I'd never marry a good woman. I knew it would mean curtains for me. Then I met her—"

James Lawson, four-time loser and fugitive from justice, smiled sardonically as he told yesterday in his jail cell how "love had done for"

Meanwhile, Lawson's hearing was continued by Municipal Judge Fritz to Monday, with the prisoner declaring he wanted no attorney. Department of Justice agents and police were looking into the possibility that Lawson participated with members of the Bailey gang in the machine-gun slayings of five at the Union Station Plaza, Kansas City, June 17.

**BAILLY RETICENT**

At Oklahoma City, where Harvey Bailey is awaiting trial for the kidnapping of Charles F. Urchel, the bandit would not admit he knew Lawson, according to Associated Press.

Lawson denied participation in any of Bailey's activities, but said he "knew him as a character."

"I was in jail at the time of the Union Station plane killings," he said.

The killings occurred during an attempted rescue of Frank Nash, gangster-convict, who was slain in the exchange of shots in which four officers died.

## UNDERWORLD CODE

Lewson's bride at 18 months, pretty red-haired Mildred Lewson, 21, had broken the code of the underworld. She had "squashed" to prison and so he was back behind bars with a stretch.

"I mean it," said one of them. "Lewson - I can see it - Lewson - plenty of money."

The first time I went over there,

# Arrest Bares Love Story of Underworld

## Jailed Bandit Lays His Capture to Marrying Good Woman

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wages. I've given her \$1900 in the months—and now she's turned on me! Jeest, what a woman! And God, how I loved her!"

But up in the women's ward of the jail the gunman's wife told a different story of gangland love. Her's was a story of living in constant fear, beatings, threats, money that came easy and slipped as easily away. She bitterly resented being looked upon as a "gangster's moll."

"Love him? Of course not! I've never loved him since I found out what he was. I have stuck to him these months through fear."

## HEARINGS CHARGED

"I would probably still be with him if it were not for his own actions. He has beaten me. Struck me on the face over and over again. I left him a month ago because of this. But he kept coming back to see me. The landlady told me he had his hand in his pocket in a way that looked as if he might have a gun."

"So I asked police protection—I did not know they would find out all the rest about him. I never was so surprised in my life as when he confessed it all last night. But I'm not sorry I squealed!"

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"When that was over, he promised me he would live honestly & would stay with him, but he told me he did not like the work." "I said to him - 'What kind of work do you want?' He said - 'I don't know.' I said - 'What kind of work do you want?' He said - 'I don't know.'

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Mrs. Mildred Lawson

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#### BAILEY RETICENT

At Oklahoma City, where Harvey Bailey is awaiting trial for the kidnapping of Charles F. Urschel, the bandit would not admit he knew Lawson, according to Associated Press.

Lawson denied participation in any of Bailey's activities, but said he "knew him as a character."

"I was in jail at the time of the Union Station Plaza killings," he said.

The killings occurred during an attempted rescue of Frank Nash, gangster-convict, who was slain in the exchange of shots in which four officers died.

#### UNDERWORLD CODE

Lawson's bride of 18 months, pretty red-haired Mildred Lawson, 21, had broken the code of the underworld. She had "squealed" to police. And so he was back in the bars with a "stretch."

"I met her—I was down pretty—pretty—money. She was down on her back. Out of a job. Owed her landlady. And how I fell for her—those big blue eyes, that innocent smile, those red-gold curls!"

"It was a whirlwind courtship, all right. Just two weeks. Then we were married. I didn't tell her at first what I was—said I was running alcohol. But she soon found out."

#### "I WENT STRAIGHT"

"Why, I gave up a fortune to get her out of jail when they arrested her because she was in my car. I promised her if she'd stick I'd go straight. Well, I have gone straight."

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"When that was over, he promised me he would live honestly. I would stay with him, but he told me he was out of his mind. He was a big haul. He had \$170,000 in bankable securities—he had them sent back to the man through an intermediary to get me out of jail."

Squealers must pay is the code of the underworld. And Lawson is determined that the girl he loved must "take the rap" with him.

"If I go back, she's got to go back," said Lawson. "And I'll fix it so she will. I still love her. I wouldn't want anything serious to happen to her. But a few months in jail won't hurt her. It will teach her, perhaps, what she has done to me."

"But I have not done anything!" Mrs. Lawson protested. "I am not a fugitive from justice. When I was arrested an investigation was made and charges against me were dismissed. I want to stay in San Francisco and get a job."

Lawson has Cherokee blood in his veins and attributes his recent difficulties with his wife to drink.

#### "TOO OLD FOR HER"

"Indians and alcohol don't mix well," he smiled. "A few drinks make a wild man of me. But my wife was so young and pretty and fond of gaiety. She wanted to step out. When I saw her smile up at some stranger and roll those blue eyes, I couldn't stand it. I was humiliated. That's why I hit her."

"I guess she's tired of me. I'm too old for her. Maybe she's found somebody else. That's why I don't care what kind of a rap they give me! She's spoiled what was left of my worthless life. I might have had a few more good years."

Lawson hinted at a sudden and violent end to his life adventure. Whether he plans suicide or attempted escape he evaded answering. But police are taking no chances and are keeping him under close surveillance.

"Let them send me back," he said, holding up his handcuffed wrists. "But take it from me, I'm NOT going to spend a lot of years in prison. There's another way out. And remember when I go back, Mildred goes with me."

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An Extraordinary Camera Portrait of Mrs. Frank Nash, a Desperado's Pretty Wife, Taken on the Day She Faced Charges of "Obstructing Justice," Regarding the Kansas City Massacre.



#### FOR HIS LIBERTY

Four Detectives Met Death. Frank Nash, Much Hunted Fugitive, Machine-Gunners Tried to Free Him at the Kansas City Depot, But Killed Him, Too, in Their Withering Fire. He Smuggled the Guns for Underhill's Prison Break.



### SCOURGE OF THE SOUTHWEST

Wilbur Underhill (Above), Toughest of Wild-Western Bad Men, Led the Band of Convicts in the Sensational Kansas Prison Break. Stretched Out at Right Are His Criminal Cohorts, Pictured as They Appeared in Police Line-Ups.

**T**HE courageous spirit of the pioneer-woman, who stood shoulder to shoulder with her husband in defying the wild dangers of the great south-west a few years ago, still lives!

This message has been carried to the far corners of the world only recently. Eleven desperate convicts escaped from the Kansas prison. Women's part in the reign of terror which followed, has proven it, without a doubt.

A pretty young Oklahoma girl beat one of the toughest of the escaped murderers into submission with the butt of his own pistol. . . Another woman, with calm, brave eyes, watched her husband send a bullet whistling by her head to kill one of the marauding felons who was using her for a shield. . .

Women were kidnaped as hostages, but they never showed fear. . . Farm wives faced the killers' guns and tricked the convicts, to save their loved ones. . . So the story goes, a tribute to womanhood!

If you saw this action in a wild-western film thriller, or if you read it in a novel, you would say: "Preposterous! Nothing like that could happen in these days!" But here it is on this page, a true story from real life, more thrilling, more exciting than any melodrama ever conceived by the wildest imagination!





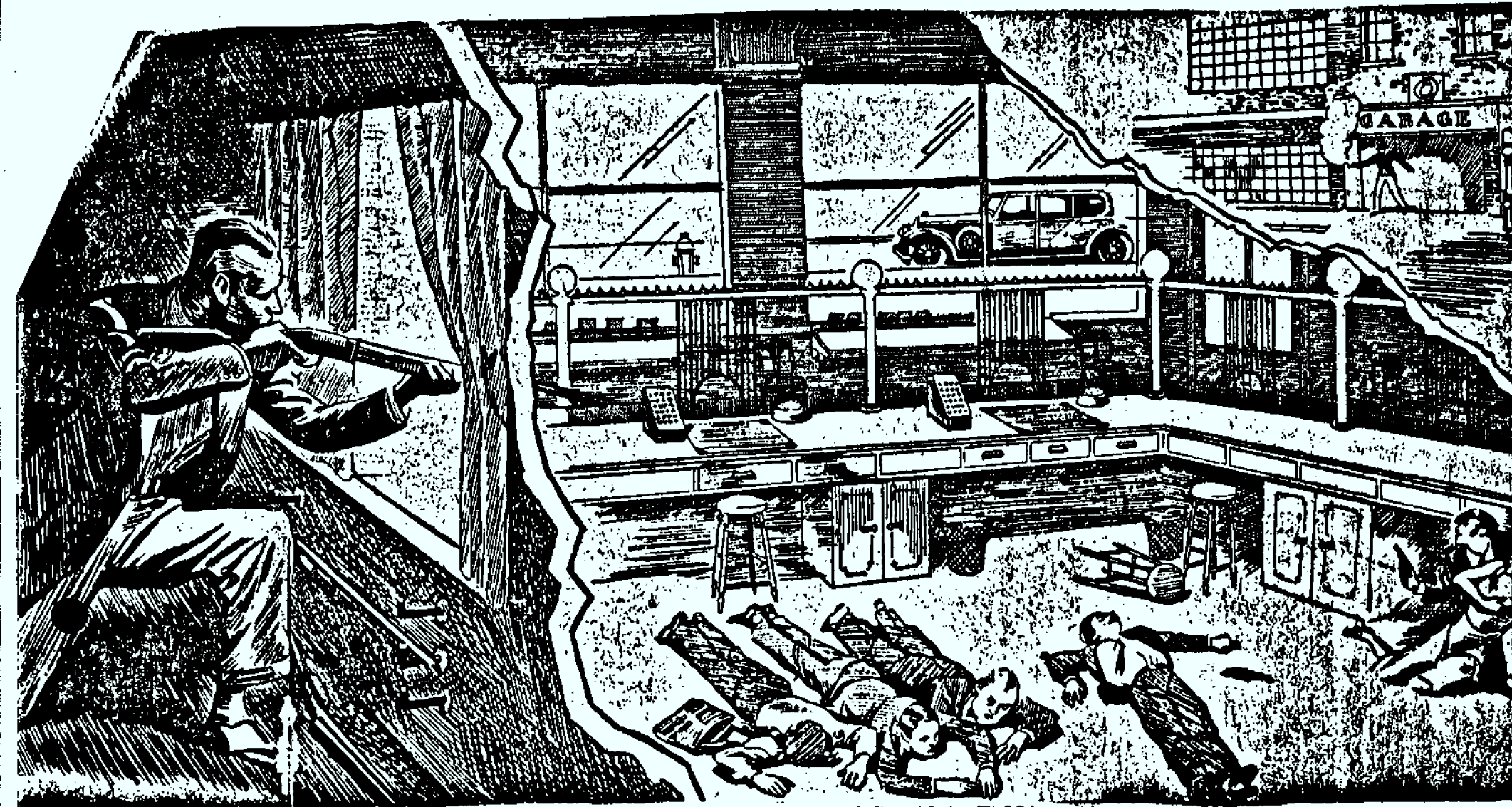
**NO GREATER LOVE THAN—**

Isaac McCarty, Cashier of the Bank at Altamont, Kan., and His Young Wife. She Saw Her Husband Fire a Bullet Which Whizzed by Her Head to Kill a Bandit-Convict Cowering Behind Her.



**A WARDEN'S WELCOME**

Warden Kirk Prather, Held as a Hostage When Felons Broke from His Prison, Is Shown Being Greeted by His Wife When He Was Released, Unharmmed.



#### THIS MODERN-DAY WILLIAM TELL

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**"YOU CAN KILL ME, BUT I'LL  
NEVER SIT ON YOUR LAP!"**

Said Cloris Wears, 17 (Left). She  
and Louise Woods, 17, Kansas  
City Girls, Were Held Captive for  
Hours by the Fleeing Felons.  
They Defied Their Captors But  
Were Released Unharmed.



#### **OKLAHOMA TORNADO**

Lois Goodfellow, Pretty Okla-  
homa A. & M. Co-ed, Tore Into  
One of the Escaped Murderers  
to Save Her Brother. She Beat  
the Convict Into Submission  
Almost Singlehandedly.



## By JACK MARTIN

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**E**VEN in its beginning the fantastic reign of terror had a setting which might well have been picked out of a novel.

It was Memorial Day, and the prisoners at the Kansas State Prison, at Lansing, Kans., about thirty miles north of Kansas City, were given a rest from their week-day duties.

It was a hot, sultry day. The prisoners were herded into the yard to witness a baseball game between the American Legion teams of Leavenworth and Topeka, Kans.

There was nothing in the atmosphere of the prison yard to indicate what was brewing in the ranks of the assembled convicts. The prisoners apparently were giving all their attention to the perspiring athletes. The score stood at two all when Kirk Prather, the prison warden, entered the yard.

The warden stopped a moment to watch the game. A Topeka player stepped to the plate. The ball whizzed over. The batter swung and there was a sharp crack. The ball sailed high over the prison wall for a home run. The prisoners cheered lustily. Some of them joked: "Heh, I'll go out and get it!"

**W**ITH furtive movements a prisoner stirred here and there. Three convicts crept up behind the unsuspecting warden. Suddenly a noose of wire dropped over his neck. A pistol jabbed his back. His arms were held tightly against his body.

In a voice the warden recognized as that of Wilbur Underhill a four-time murderer and the prison's most desperate killer, came the command to move.

"We're going out of here," Underhill hissed into the warden's ear. "And you're going with us. Unless you do as we say you're a goner."

The warden and two guards standing with him were forced to walk to the nearest guard house on top the prison wall. The warden must either obey or see his men shot down before his eyes. He chose to obey, and chance the capture of the desperadoes at a later point. Reaching the wall, the warden ordered the guard there to throw down his guns, and lower the trap door.

The six convicts with the warden now turned to the grand stand. "Come on, you guys," Underhill shouted. Five more convicts jumped to the ground and joined them. The remaining prisoners sat, wide-eyed, watching the proceedings.

The eleven convicts and their captives were

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now atop the wall. They threw down a rope. Warden Prather and Guards John Sherman and L. A. Laws were ordered to slide down the outside. The other guards were sent back to the prison yard with the message: "Tell everybody we'll kill the warden if we're followed."

The convicts paused a minute at the base of the wall near the prison garage. Alex Davis, negro trusty, was working there on a sedan owned by W. W. Woodson, superintendent of the prison farms. In the car sat Virginia Woodson, his pretty 15-year-old daughter.

The convicts ran toward the car, shouting to Miss Woodson to remain where she was. This schoolgirl was the first woman to defy them. She leaped out and ran. The convicts fired a volley after her. The negro trusty fell in back of her, to shield her from the bullets. Both escaped unharmed.

All eleven felons piled into the car. Warden Prather and the guards were forced to ride the running boards. The wild dash for freedom was well under way—as colorful a prison break as ever recorded in criminal history.

Probably no more desperate band of criminals ever set out to shoot their way to liberty. Seven of the eleven had figured in former prison escapes. Eight of them were serving life terms, three for murder. The rest were serving sentences ranging from 15 to 50 years for major crimes.

The six men who planned the break were: Wilbur Underhill, 30, murderer; Harvey Bailey, 35, super bank robber; Ed Davis, 30, bank robber; Frank Sawyer, 33, murderer; Jim Clark, 30, bank robber, and Bob Brady, 23, bank robber.

The five who accepted the invitation to join the break were: Kenneth Cohn, 21, murderer; Lewis Bechtel, 25, highway robber; Alvie Payton, 21, bank robber; Clifford Dopson, 22, bank robber, and Billie Woods, 22, robber.

From the minute the desperadoes roared away from the prison in the stolen car, no life in that section of Kansas was safe. They headed for the famous "bad lands," just over the south-eastern Kansas boundary in Oklahoma, that uninhabited

land of hills, gullies and caves which for years has been the favorite hiding-out place of western fugitives and desperadoes.

A few miles outside of Lansing, the convicts split up. The six who planned the break drove on with the three hostages. The other five surrounded an auto driven by M. J. Woods, of Kansas City. They forced Woods out. In the car with him were his wife, a partial cripple, his daughter, Louise, 17, and Cloris Wears, 17, a friend. The five convicts climbed in with the three women and drove off, leaving Woods standing in the road.

Here again the fortitude of the southwestern woman was shown. The two girls and Mrs. Woods were nearly frantic with fear. But did they let their captors know it? Not even by a flick of an eyelash or the slightest inflection of voice. One of the prisoners suggested to Miss Wears that she ride on his lap, the car was so crowded.

"Never!" she exclaimed. "You can kill me if you want to, but I'll never sit on the lap of a man like you!"

"Don't get excited now, M'am," one of the prisoners replied. "You're lucky. No telling what might have

happened to you if that other bunch had caught you. They're hard babies, they are."

The car sped on, with the women huddled in one corner. They drove for hours. When the gasoline supply ran low they stopped at a filling station, forced Mrs. Woods to buy a fresh supply. Toward nightfall they stopped at a farm house for food. They found the housewife alone.

"I don't want you around here," this brave woman calmly told them. "My husband will be home soon, and you probably would kill him. Get moving! I'm going to have company for supper."

They moved on. About 9 o'clock that evening they reached the farm home of William New, near Pleasanton, Kans. With levelled guns the convicts entered the house, covered New, and ordered his wife to prepare food for them and their hostages. Mrs. New carried on the tradition of bravery.



"Well, I never cooked before at the point of a gun, but I suppose I'll have to feed you brutes," she said. "But if you wake up my baby you won't get a bite."

The convicts and their captives ate heartily. Then the five prisoners decided to go on alone. They left the three hostages at the New home, unharmed. The following day they split up, each man going his own way.

By this time, all of eastern Kansas and northeastern Oklahoma was alarmed. People were keeping indoors, and

guarding their homes, night and day. Bob Good-

fellow, county clerk of Caddo County, Oklahoma, and his pretty sister, Lois, 20-year-old co-ed at Oklahoma A. & M. College, however, wanted to go riding, and riding they went.

This was June 4. The brother and sister were driving slowly along a little used country road. Lois at the wheel, when suddenly a roughly dressed, unshaven man, waving a pistol, leaped out in front of them. Lois pulled to a stop and the man climbed in. He identified himself as Frank Sawyer, murderer, one of the escaped felons. "Drive on and don't start anything or it'll be bad for you," he ordered, flourishing his weapon.

Lois, a real daughter of the Southwest, was unafraid. She started the car, drove a hundred yards and calmly mired the machine in a ditch along side the road. The three got out. Just then a car containing a sheriff and two deputies drove up. They were looking for escaped convicts they had heard were in the neighborhood.

Sawyer, lurking behind the car, grabbed Bob Goodfellow to protect him and opened fire on the sheriffs. They returned shot for shot. Goodfellow fell, slightly wounded in the leg. And another girl of Oklahoma showed what stuff brave women are made of.

SHE leaped on Sawyer, scratching, pulling his hair, choking him. Bullets whistled around her. Sawyer vainly tried to turn his gun on her. The viciousness of her attack unsteadied him and in a second the sheriffs pounced onto him. His pistol dropped to the ground. Lois seized it and clubbed him over the head with the butt until he fell, dazed.

"I wasn't afraid of him," Lois smiled later. "I just wanted to hurt him and make sure he was captured, after Bob was wounded."

It was just ten days later, on June 14, when the next installment of this wild-western thriller was written across the front pages of the newspapers. The good citizens of Oklahoma and Kansas were still apprehensive of the danger which might fall on them at any moment.

Perhaps it was this apprehension which moved Isaac McCarty, the young cashier of the Labette County State Bank, at Altamont, Kansas,

to whisper to his wife as he opened the bank that morning: "I have a hunch I'm going up to the gun-room."

McCarty had seen a car containing two suspicious looking men drive up in front of the bank. He climbed up to a curtained niche above the back vault where a shotgun and rifle were kept for emergencies.

The two men approached the teller's cage. Suddenly one leveled a gun at Mrs. McCarty. "Hands up!" Three men, the only other occupants of the bank, were herded together and forced to lie on the floor.

THE robbers scooped money into sacks and turned to go. "We'll take along the girl," one said.

McCarty heard him. He pushed aside the curtain which hid him, poked out the shotgun barrel and fired once. A bandit fell.

Just then Robert Schooley, standing in the doorway of a garage across the street, began firing at the tires on the bandits' car. Apparently the unwounded bandit thought the shot which dropped his pal came from outside. He ducked behind a counter, pulled Mrs. McCarty down beside him.

McCarty could see the head of the bandit over his wife's shoulder. He knew he couldn't fire the shotgun without hitting her. He seized the rifle, levelled it. His wife's head was a scant six inches from his target. What if he missed and hit her? His finger closed on the trigger.

The shot was true. The bandit fell back with a bullet in his head. McCarty fired once more. The bullet found the bandit's heart. The man was dead. The other one died a few days later.

They were identified as Kenneth Conn and Alvie Payton, two of the five who had split up after freeing the three women hostages. Apparently this five erred when they parted. Conn and Payton were killed by McCarty. Lewis Bechtel, Billy Woods and Clifford Dopson had been captured, as had also Frank Sawyer, who had left the Underhill gang only to run afoul of Lois Goodfellow. This accounted for all but the

men with Underhill. Now we will see how they had been faring.

The fleeing felon who had dubbed Underhill and his companions "hard babies," spoke the truth. They left a trail of bloodshed and robbery en route to their "bad lands" hide-out which probably has no equal in viciousness on the part of any single band of criminals.

Warden Prather and Guards Sherman and Laws were turned loose the same night they were taken. Thirty-six hours later came the tragic news of the death of Otto L. Durkee, night policeman at Chetopa, Kans. He had surprised Underhill and his fellows robbing a tire store, and had engaged them in a gun-fight. He was shot down with a dozen slugs in his body, but not before he had emptied his gun.

Apparently his bullets did not find their marks. The next day, June 1, came word that the Bank of Chelsea, Oklahoma, had been held up. There was gun-play but no one was wounded. Underhill and his men escaped with \$2,500. Apparently this large sum pacified them, for little was heard from them for more than two weeks.

Then came the eventful morning of June 17. Kansas City has not yet recovered from the shock of the atrocious tragedy which occurred there then—the horrible Union Depot massacre.

A small group of detectives had arrived at the depot on an early train with Frank Nash, a much-sought fugitive who had been captured in Hot Springs, Arkansas. The detectives were F. J. Lackey and Frank Smith, U. S. Department of Justice agents, and Chief Otto Reed, of the McAlester, Okla., police.

THE party was met at the depot by Federal Agents R. E. Vetterli and Raymond Caffrey. Frank Hermanson and W. J. Grooms, Kansas City detectives were with them.

The eight men walked quietly across the station plaza to a waiting auto. Suddenly two pistol shots rang out. Then came the deadly rattle of a machine-gun. Glass crashed. Lead whistled and whined through the air. The officers toppled over like ten-pins. The shooting lasted scarcely a minute. A motor car roared through the plaza, and carried the killers to a safe escape.

Of the eight men in the party, five lay dead.

They were Otto Reed, Frank Hermanson, W. J. Grooms, Raymond Caffrey and their prisoner, Frank Nash. Agent Lackey was critically wounded. Agent Vetterli was wounded in the arm and Agent Smith alone escaped unscathed.

In the investigation which followed it was claimed that Harvey Bailey, Underhill's lieutenant, manned the machine-gun. The other escaped convicts were accomplices. The shooting had been planned to free Nash. The ex-prisoners were deeply indebted to him, because it was claimed he had smuggled them the guns they used in their break to liberty.

The full force of the United States Government was set after the killers. Government agents

watched a home in Wenonah, Ill., for two weeks, and finally they captured Mrs. Frank Nash, pretty young widow of the slain prisoner.

She was taken to Kansas City and charged with obstructing justice in hiding facts concerning the massacre. The agents also arrested Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Farmer, of Joplin, Mo. It was charged someone had telephoned them of Nash's arrest in Hot Springs, and had arranged with them to have the Underhill-Bailey gang on hand at the depot.

On July 28, Mrs. Nash and the Farmers were charged with first degree murder for their alleged part in the massacre. Later, however, the murder charges against Mrs. Nash were dropped, and she was released under \$2,500 bond on the lesser charge of obstructing justice. As this was written the Farmers were still held for first degree murder.

There is one more sensational crime charged to this band of ex-convicts. They have been accused as the kidnapers who on July 22 seized Charles F. Urschel, wealthy Oklahoma City oil man, and held him captive until July 31. Urschel's brave wife, calmly working against great odds to free her husband, is claimed to have paid \$200,000 ransom for his release. This is called by authorities the highest ransom ever paid for kidnaping in this country.

THE next climax came when Government agents ferreted out Harvey Bailey in his Texas hide-out, and arrested him before he had an opportunity to reach for a machine-gun and pistol resting beside him. Ten other persons, none members of the prison break gang, also were taken into custody. Bailey was charged with engineering the Kansas City massacre, and also the Urschel kidnaping. The house where he was



hiding was the house where Urschel was held. Some of the \$200,000 Urschel ransom was found in his pockets, it was claimed. The ten others were charged as accomplices.

The capture of Bailey was sensational. Urschel, while being held a prisoner in the cabin, noted the daily passing of an air-mail plane overhead. One Sunday he missed it, and noted the date. Federal agents checked air-mail schedules until they found a pilot who missed a trip on that date. From the hour this pilot regularly passed the cabin, the agents soon found the hideout. A few days after Bailey was taken government men and police sprang an ambush near Chicago which they hoped would catch Underhill. But some way he escaped.

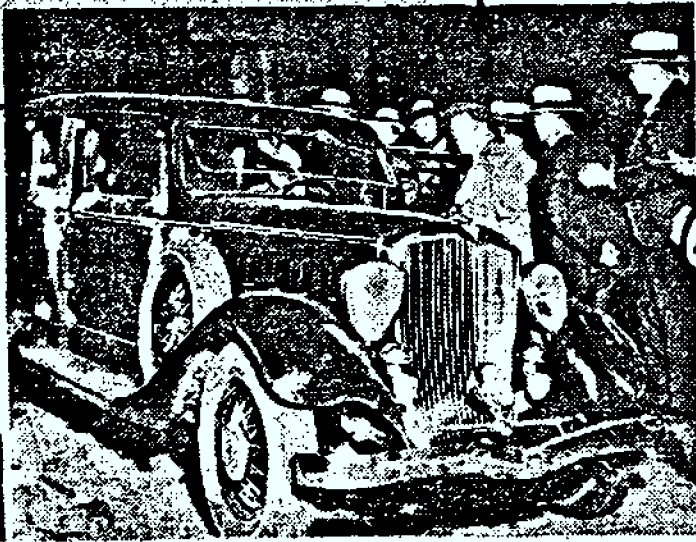
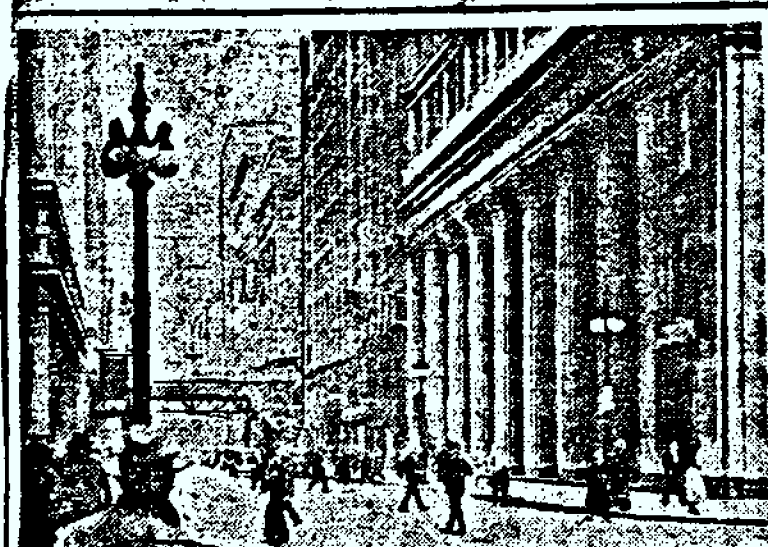
It is the Government theory that probably the Underhill-Bailey gang split up, after they divided their share of the \$200,000 they got from Mrs. Urschel. Residents of Kansas and Oklahoma certainly hope they have. Individually they could not make the raids which have terrorized that whole countryside.

The Government's drag-net is out for the remaining members of the gang. It is certain they will all be caught eventually. And when they are, the Kansas Prison break will be marked off, a defeat for the criminals. It must be so if modern society is to survive.

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# WHERE BANDITS SEIZED MAIL AND KILLED POLICEMAN



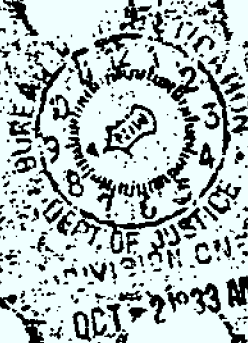
Eliminating a series of daring mail, express and bank robberies in the Middle West, bandits held up Chicago Federal Reserve messengers, stole mail bags, and killed a policeman in their getaway. Police immediately started a farflung search for George (Machine Gun) Kelly, Verne Miller, the sheriff, now a bandit gang leader, and Gus Winkler, Chicago's enemy, suspected of engineering the holdup. The bandits seized mail bags at the second light standard shown in the picture

above, left, as the messengers entered the Federal Reserve building, at left. Above, right, are shown ammunition, liquor, first aid kit, and stolen license plates abandoned by the robbers. Below, left, the slain policeman, Miles Cunningham. Center, one of the bandit cars, wrecked in their flight. It was equipped with police radio, police lights, and siren. Below, right, is shown a smoke screen tank in the robbers' auto.

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# **VERNE MILLER LINKED TO CHICAGO MAIL RAID**

**Hunted Desperado Is Identified  
With Kelly as Machine-Gun  
Killer in Robbery.**

Spoken to Two Day Box Times.  
CHICAGO, Sept. 25.—Verne Miller, former Sheriff of Huron, S. D., convict and leader of the Oklahoma gang of desperadoes responsible for many crimes, was identified today as one of the bandits who last Friday robbed the Federal Reserve Bank, mail and killed Policeman Miles Cunningham.

His picture, as well as that of George (Machine-Gun) Kelly, was identified as that of one of the men who carried a machine gun in robbing the bank messengers.

Two prisoners were held by the government to prevent their being released through writs of habeas corpus. They are Gus Winkler, found living in a Lake Shore Drive apartment under the name of M. J. Michael, and Joseph Bergi, owner of a garage in Cicero with Winkler as a partner. Neither prisoner has given any information on the Cunningham murder, the police say.

Bergi arranged to have bullet-proof glass put in the automobile used by the killers and to equip the car with a smoke-screen apparatus, a police siren and red and green headlights.

Verne Miller had been hunted as a participant in the \$200,000 kidnapping of Charles F. Urschel, Oklahoma oil man, for which Harvey Bailey and others are on trial.

The police also have established the fact that both Miller and Kelly participated in the Kansas City massacre in which four policemen were killed and Frank Nash, one of the gang, who was being taken back to prison, also was slain.

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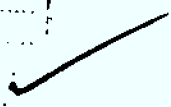
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**STALLINGS and GARGO.**—My mother married a man named Caron. One son, John, was born to them. Later she married my father, John Call. I was born November 1, 1894, at New Albany, Indiana. My father died March 1, 1901. John Caron and I were out on an expedition to Mexico and California. My mother married Gustav Stallings at New Albany. Her given name was Gertrude. She was born in 1872 to Louisville, Kentucky. I have not seen her. I was a baby. My name was John Call. Any one who knows my mother or John Caron please write me. Write to Mrs. Jay Rogers, 943 Franklin Avenue, La Porte, Indiana.

**BROWNIE, L. W.**—Was last seen in Hot Springs, Arkansas, July 6, 1937. Has blue eyes, light hair, and fair complexion. Weights about one hundred and sixty pounds. Is thirty-eight years of age. Please write to Milford. She still thinks of you and wants to hear from you.

**INSCORE, JAMES AVERY.**—We last heard from Mr. Avery Aug. 1. At that time he was in Hall, Georgia. He was then just out of prison and looking good. Hair and eyes were dark. Eyes are brown. Has a scar over right eye. James, if you see this, please write to him. Any word regarding him will be gratefully received by his sister, Mrs. O. W. Myers, Wytheville, Virginia.

LOGAN, HOWARD.—Formerly of Colorado, California. He is my friend, and I have had much to do with him. Any one knowing his whereabouts, kindly communicate with Miss Mallick, Marine Department, U. S. S. "Tennessee," San Francisco, California.

**GALASHIER, NANCY.**—She was born in Blackburn or Wirt, Lancashire, England, and is the only sister of Anthony and James Galashier. I would be pleased to receive any news of her, or relatives, if any. Please write to Helen, care of Western Story Magazine.

**SEENE, PETER.**—He was a very good friend of mine and should like to know something of what may have happened to him in past years. His last known address was Jackson, Michigan. My maiden name was Edith Pulcher. I am now Mrs. Edith Seene, R. 1, Box 4, Eden Twp.,

FITZGERALD, MAUR.—This office is holding a letter sent to our care. Please send forwarding address. Editor of Missing Department.

**WELCOMES KENNEDY.**—Who disappeared about eight years ago. Since then his wife and father have died. His mother is getting old and would like some word of him. His hair was light and eyes were blue. He was a left-handed barber. Any one knowing anything as to his present location, kindly communicate with Gary Belmont, 6041 Street, Duluth, Great Britain.

**GARTON.**—Would like very much to hear from persons whose name is Garton, or who are related to the Gartons. Will trade a set of mine different copies of news for your data. Please address E. L. Garton, P. O. Box 421, Berkeley, Cal., California.

**SPECIAL NOTICE**—I was born in Portland, Ohio, in 1871, on January 12th. My parents were Perry William Arnold and Virginia Ellen Arnold. My eight brothers and four sisters, John, William, George, Charles, Mary, Edna, and May, were born in the Maple County Children's Home at Painesville, Ohio. Later we were placed in good homes by officials of the orphanage. We were told that our mother had died, but we have no actual proof. After that we know are or heard of either father or mother, and have no information as to the whereabouts of any of our relatives would be much appreciated by Mrs. F. Shepherd, care of this newspaper.

JOHNSON, W.—Of Seattle, Washington. Do you re-  
member our meeting in the Gloria Road, in Alaska, in 1930?  
Have not forgotten you. Will you write? Address: 2, N.  
ave. of this magazine.

**NOTICE.**—Vernie Miller, Smokey Bald, and Smokey Green. They were last heard from in Huron, South Dakota. Vernie Miller was deputy sheriff at Huron. Where are you all? Would like to hear from any and all of you. Write to E. M. care of Ohio Magazine.

**ATTENTION**—My father was Daniel J. Weare. His father was John Weare. Father died last spring, and I am trying to get in touch with other members of the family. Father was born at, or near, Desvigne, Drummond County, Quebec, and died at Kamsville, Nova Scotia. The children I seek are: William V. Weare, who when last heard of was living in Colorado Springs, Colorado; Robert S. and Charles S. Weare, located somewhere in the Eastern United States; Joseph G., whose home was in Desvigne, Vt. If you or any of your descendants, please write to John D. Weare.

**GELMAN, SAMUEL WELDON.**—Generally known as Sam. In 1939 he was a sailor on the U. S. S. "York". Any one knowing his present address, please write to him at the address of the ship.

**CELEBRITY. MRS. PAULINE.**—Her maiden name was Pauline Mims Daugherty. A year ago she was living in Kernersville, California. Any one knowing her present whereabouts, kindly write or direct care of Western Star Magazine.

**JOURNEY, EDWARD.**—When last heard from he was in Broken, Oklahoma. He was forty-six years old on July 15th. Has blue eyes and dark-brown hair. Any one knowing where he can be located, please communicate with J. M. Gove of this newspaper.

**RICHARDS, RAY C.**—He smiled many times on other men at workman, and was frequently employed on docks. Was last heard from when in Yakima, Washington. He is thirty-one years old. Is five feet one inch tall. Has brown hair and gray eyes. His brother is Arthur, head of the ranch in his efforts to find him. Please address Charles Richards, 2821 First Street, Minneapolis, Oregon.

**WHELAN, LILLI.**—Formerly of Truro, Mass. Seattle, Wash., or any of her descendants, please write to a very old friend! Address Truro, care of this magazine.

**LUNDY, JEWEL**—This is my sister, and I lost out her six years ago. At that time she was in Leding, Tenn. Our dear brother passed away on January 6, 1931. I have had to tell you, so please write to me at once. If you happen to see this, any one knowing her whereabouts, kindly notify Mrs. J. J. Reed, Box 72, Milledgeville, Tenn.

**EVANS, VIVIAN LANE**—In 1925 or 26 my mother and I left home. My mother, because of illness, was forced to place a child in the care of the Chicago's Aid Society. I was placed in the Michigan State Hospital for 10 years and placed with some family. I came home in 1935. I have tried very hard to locate my sister, but as far as I have been unsuccessful. My mother is in poor health and wishes to see her only child. Her child is now in the care of the State of Virginia and has no siblings now and she was a well-completed with blond hair and blue eyes. Was of slender build. The last letter I had from her was in 1934. Any information concerning her would be greatly appreciated. Address: Mrs. C. Hall, 3673 W. 44th Avenue, Duane, Michigan.

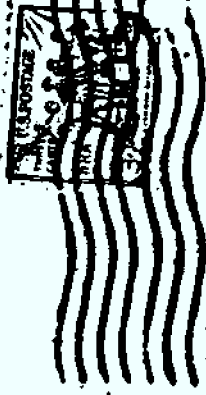
**SEATTLE, WASH.**—Was last heard of in Los Angeles, California, on October 17, 1932. He is six feet four inches tall and weighed 160 pounds, and was very dark. He has a black hair that is dark. Was in US health due to a serious injury sustained a year before. Consequently, he worried over being a burden to his family. A misunderstanding arose because of misinterpretation of letters. His wife and children are heartbroken over his disappearance, and would be deeply grateful for any news of him. Please contact Mrs. E. J. Sellers, 220 West Broadway Street, Seattle, Wash.

WOMERS, MRS. JOHN.—She is my aunt, and she used to live near the Red River, not far from Delta, Tenn. Would like to hear from her. My address is Emma Deane, 900 South River Avenue, Downey, California.

ELLIOT, DELIA and ELLIE.—Who used to live in  
Texas. They are probably married now, but if so, I do not  
know their names. I would be very happy if I could have  
some word of them. Please write to Eunice Dawson, 222  
South River Avenue, Denver, Colorado.

HAWKINS, LEONARD.—Please let me hear from you. Have some news that will interest you. If any of the world are know the whereabouts of this man, please notify at once of Western News Magazine. All communications will be held strictly confidential.

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# NAB GANGSTER; HUNT ANOTHER



Police have a half way to their goal in the widespread hunt for Verne Miller, left, and Gus Winkler, right, suspects in the federal reserve robbery in Chicago, in which four bags of mail were stolen and a policeman killed. Winkler was captured, with his wife, in their apartment in an exclusive Chicago residential district. Miller, former South Dakota sheriff, turned gangster, still is at large.

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# NOTED DESPERADO SOUGHT FOR PART IN DARING HOLDUP

STUTTGART, Ark., Sept. 21.—Two men, one of whom was said to have declared he was "Boss" Machine Gun Kelly, robbed the Peoples National Bank at Joplin, Mo., Friday and forced three women bank employees to ride the running board of their automobile to shield them against officers' fire.

The women quoted one of the robbers as saying he was Kelly, Southwestern desperado, sought in the Charles F. Cretcher kidnapping in Oklahoma.

Mrs. Esther Gettle, one of the employees, jumped from the running board but was unhurt. The robbers released Mrs. Vera Newmark and Mrs. Joan Morgan at the outskirts of Stuttgart and proceeded toward Little Rock.

The three women, with a customer, were the only persons in the bank. The customer was not molested.

The robbers attempted to take cash from the vault, but found the money safe under a time lock.

The three women employees later identified photographs of Wilbur Underhill, notorious desperado and Kansas prison break leader, as one of the bandits.

The women also said the automobile in which the robbers escaped bore Oklahoma license plates.

That was they identified by the photographs of Underhill, who escaped from the Kansas prison at Lansing in a daring break last Memorial Day, stood in the entrance of the bank with a sub-machine gun while his two confederates seized the money.

Cashier Walter Frazier said a comparatively small amount of money was taken.

## HEARD HADLEY OF SOUTHWEST ACCUSED IN ARKANSAS HOLDUP



Associated Press Photo  
WILBUR UNDERHILL

PORT WORTH, (AP)—The taking of Detective Ed Weatherford, who is at Oklahoma City attending the trial of Harvey Kelley, Albert Bates and others on charges of kidnapping Charles Cretcher, has been removed from their home here on charges of Department of Justice Agents.

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# 'Last of Outlaws' Still Safe in His Hideout

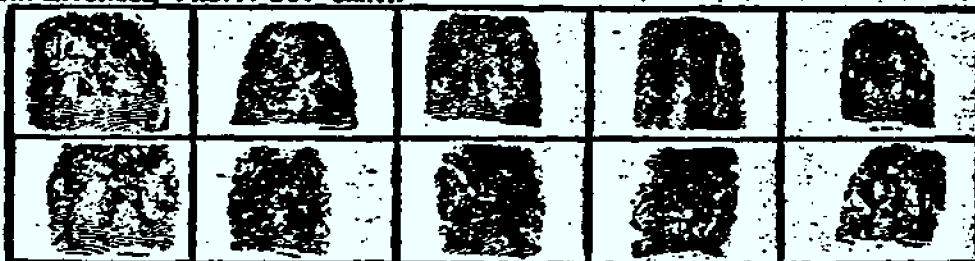
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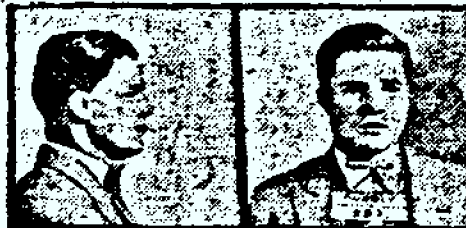
## WANTED

CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD, alias  
 FRANK MITCHELL, 'PRETTY BOY SMITH'



## DESCRIPTION

Age, 26 years  
 Height, 5 feet, 10 inches  
 Weight, 175 pounds  
 Hair, dark  
 Eyes, gray  
 Complexion, medium  
 Nationality, American  
 Scar on right, 1 inch, scar  
 1 tattoo (Star on hand)



*Charles A. Floyd*

## CRIMINAL RECORD

As Charles Arthur Floyd, in 1918,  
 arrested police department, St.  
 Louis, Missouri, September 24,  
 1918; charge, highway robbery.  
 As Charles Floyd, in 1920,  
 received S.P., Jefferson City,  
 Missouri, November 24, 1920,  
 from St. Louis; crime, robbery,  
 first degree; sentence, 5 years.  
 As Charles A. Floyd, in 1929,  
 arrested police department,

Kansas City, Missouri, March 9, 1929, charge, investigation.  
 As Charles A. Floyd, in 1929, arrested police department, Kansas City, Kansas, May 4, 1929, charge, same.

Scorning at his pursuers, "Pretty Boy" Floyd, charged with crimes innumerable, remains safe in one of his many hideouts, last of the southwestern outlaws still at liberty. Despite a chase that now is stretching into years, Floyd has slipped thru trap after trap set for him in Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma and Arkansas. Above are shown Department of Justice pictures of Floyd, his finger prints, criminal record and description.

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# TRIO WANTED IN MASSACRE ARE AT LARGE

VERNE MILLER, UNDERHILL  
AND GALATAS ARE  
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By ROBERT S. THORNBURG  
Washington, Sept. 27 (DWS). —

Dramatically concluding the round-up of the Urechel kidnapers with the arrest of George (Machine Gun) Kelly and his wife, Kathryn Kelly, the justice department today turned its major attention to the Kansas City massacre of last June when five were slain.

Three of the suspected Kansas City slayers are still at large.

One of them is Verne C. Miller, a bandit with a long criminal record, regarded by J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the division of investigation, as the most demonical criminal at large today.

More Dangerous Than Bailey.

"I regard Miller as a more dangerous man than Harvey Bailey, who wielded the machine gun in the Kansas City slaying," Hoover said. "Miller will shoot at sight at the slightest provocation. He virtually is a maniac."

Wilbur Underhill and Richard T. Galatas are also sought. Both of these men who have operated chiefly in the Middle West have notorious records. All three have served penitentiary terms for various offenses.

Bailey, along with Kelly, one of the "big shot" criminals who have been arrested in the last few months in the justice department's far-reaching campaign, is now on trial at Oklahoma City as one of ten persons charged with the kidnaping of Charles F. Urechel, Oklahoma oil millionaire.

Expects Convictions.

"I expect convictions in this case this week," Hoover said. "Bailey will then be taken to Kansas City to be tried under state law for the murders in the railroad station there last June. Strangely there is no law penalizing the killing of a federal officer."

In the Kansas City affair, a gang

attacked a party of peace officers in an apparent attempt to rescue Frank Nash, their prisoner.

Nash, a department of justice agent, an Oklahoma chief of police and two policemen were killed. Two justice department agents were wounded. The killers escaped but since that time most members of the gang have been identified. Government agents are on their trails.

There is some question whether "Machine Gun" Kelly was at Kansas City.

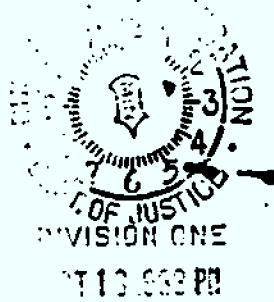
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**WILBUR UNDERHILL**  
Who escaped from the Kansas pen with Harvey Bailey and others on Memorial Day. This man, killer of eight persons, is next on the hunt list of the United States Department of Justice.

## Underhill Next On List in Hunt For Kelly's Pals

OKLAHOMA CITY, Ok., Sept. 27 (UP).—The Federal hunt for the Southwest's fugitive outlaws will continue until all are caught, it was indicated today. Federal agents planned to bring George (Machine Gun) Kelly here for trial and Government prosecutors sought the conviction of all of his alleged accomplices in the kidnapping of Charles F. Urschel, millionaire oil man.

Agents felt that as long as remnants of the gangs led by Kelly and Harvey Bailey, one of twelve now on trial, are at liberty the threat of an underworld delivery would be always present. Also at large was Wilbur Underhill, charged with eight murders, and Pretty Boy Floyd, who is believed to be allied with the Bailey-Kelly-Underhill crime syndicate.

Bailey, "most desperate criminal in the country today," and Underhill, charged in the murder of eight men, led the Lansing (Kan.) Memorial Day prison break when eleven desperate convicts blazed a bloody trail across the Southwest. Underhill alone still is at large.

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**SCOURGE OF  
THE SOUTHWEST**

Wilbur Underhill (Above), Toughest of Wild-Western Bad Men, Led the Band of Convicts in the Sensational Kansas Prison Break. Stretched Out at Right Are His Criminal Cohorts, Pictured as They Appeared in Police Line-Ups.



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DAVIS  
Bank  
Robber**



**FRANK  
SAWYER  
Murderer**



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**T**HE courageous spirit of the pioneer-women, who stood shoulder to shoulder with her husband in defying the wild dangers of the great south-west a few years ago, still lives!

This message has been carried to the far corners of the world only recently. Eleven desperate convicts escaped from the Kansas prison. Women's part in the reign of terror which followed, has proven it, without a doubt.

A pretty young Oklahoma girl beat one of the toughest of the escaped murderers into submission with the butt of his own pistol. Another woman, with calm, brave eyes, watched her husband send a bullet whizzing by her head to kill one of the marauding felons who was using her for a shield.

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They threw down  
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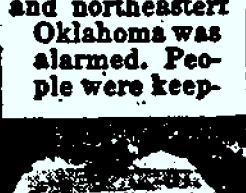


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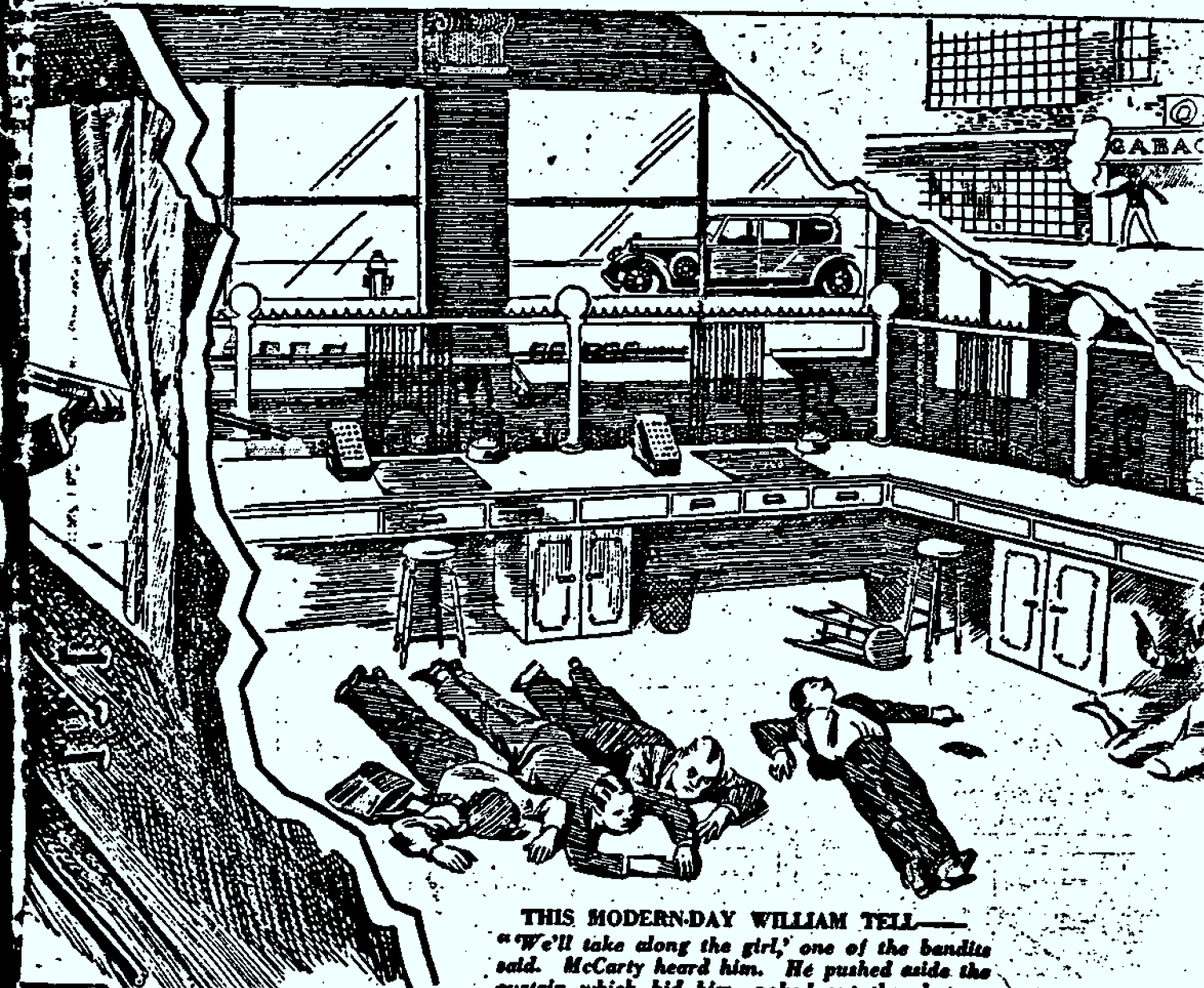
The convicts and their captives ate heartily. Then the five prisoners decided to go on alone. They left the three hostages at the New home, unharmed. The following day they split up, each man going his own way.

By this time, all of eastern Kansas and northeastern Oklahoma was alarmed. People were keep-





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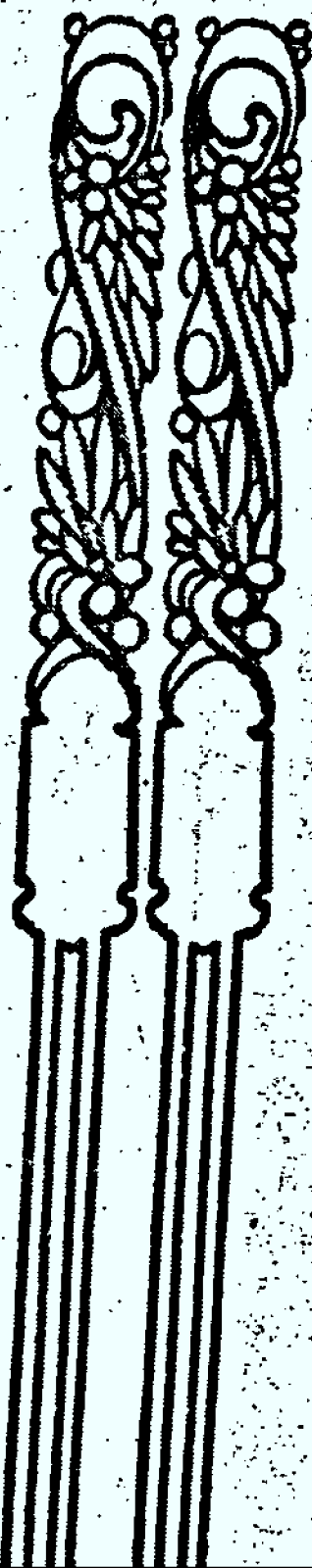
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—Drawing by George Kerr.

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story goes, a tribute to womanhood! If you saw this action in a wild-western film theater, or if you read it in a novel, you would say: "Preposterous! Nothing like that could happen in these days." But it is on this page, a true story from real life, more thrilling, more exciting than any melodrama ever conceived by the wildest imagination!

## By JACK MARTIN

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**E**VEN in its beginning the fantastic reign of terror had a setting which might well have been picked out of a novel.

It was Memorial Day, and the prisoners at the Kansas State Prison, at Lansing, Kans., about thirty miles north of Kansas City, were given a rest from their week-day duties.

It was a hot, sultry day. The prisoners were herded into the yard to witness a baseball game between the American Legion teams of Leavenworth and Topeka, Kans.

There was nothing in the atmosphere of the prison yard to indicate what was brewing in the ranks of the assembled convicts. The prisoners apparently were giving all their attention to the perspiring athletes. The score stood at two all when Kirk Prather, the prison warden, entered the yard.

The warden stopped a moment to watch the game. A Topeka player stepped to the plate. The ball whizzed over. The batter swung and there was a sharp crack. The ball sailed high over the prison wall for a home run. The prisoners cheered lustily. Some of them joked: "Heh, I'll go out and get it!"

**W**ITH furtive movements a prisoner stirred here and there. Three convicts crept up behind the unsuspecting warden. Suddenly a noose of wire dropped over his neck. A pistol jabbed his back. His arms were held tightly against his body.

In a voice the warden recognized as that of Wilbur Underhill a four-time murderer and the prison's most desperate killer, came the command to move.

"We're going out of here," Underhill hissed into the warden's ear. "And you're going with us. Unless you do as we say you're a goner."

The warden and two guards standing with him were forced to walk to the nearest guard house on top the prison wall. The warden must either obey or see his men shot down before his eyes. He chose to obey, and chance the capture of the desperadoes at a later point. Reaching the wall, the warden ordered the guard there to throw down his guns, and lower the trap door.

The six convicts with the warden now turned to the grand-stand. "Come on, you guys," Underhill shouted. Five more convicts jumped to the ground and joined them. The remaining prisoners sat, wide-eyed, watching the proceedings.

The eleven convicts and their captives were

sent back to the prison yard with the message: "Tell everybody we'll kill the warden if we're followed."

The convicts paused a minute at the base of the wall near the prison garage. Alex Davis, negro trusty, was working there on a sedan owned by W. W. Woodson, superintendent of the prison farms. In the car sat Virginia Woodson, his pretty 15-year-old daughter.

The convicts ran toward the car, shouting to Miss Woodson to remain where she was. This schoolgirl was the first woman to defy them. She leaped out and ran. The convicts fired a volley after her. The negro trusty fell in back of her, to shield her from the bullets. Both escaped unharmed.

All eleven felons piled into the car. Warden Prather and the guards were forced to ride the running boards. The wild dash for freedom was well under way—as colorful a prison break as ever recorded in criminal history.

Probably no more desperate band of criminals ever set out to shoot their way of the eleven had figured in for. Eight of them were serving life for murder. The rest were serving from 15 to 50 years for major

The six men who planned Wilbur Underhill, 30, murderer 45, super bank robber; Ed Dabber; Frank Sawyer, 33, murderer bank robber, and Bob Brady, 21.

The five who accepted the break were: Kenneth Coe, 21, bank robber; Clifford Dopber, and Billie Woods, 22, robb

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WILLIAM WOODS Robber

land of hills, gullies and caves which for years has been the favorite hiding-out place of western fugitives and desperadoes.



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JIM CLARK Bank Robber

ing indoors, and guarding their homes, night and day. Bob Good-

fellow, county clerk of Caddo County, Oklahoma, and his pretty sister, Lois, 20-year-old co-ed at Oklahoma A. & M. College, however, wanted to go riding, and riding they went.

This was June 4. The brother and sister were driving slowly along a little used country road, Lois at the wheel, when suddenly a roughly dressed, unshaven man, waving a pistol, leaped out in front of them. Lois pulled to a stop and the man climbed in. He identified himself as Frank Sawyer, murderer, one of the escaped felons. "Drive on and don't start anything or it'll be bad for you," he ordered, flourishing his weapon.

Lois, a real daughter of the Southwest, was unafraid. She started the car, drove a hundred yards and calmly mired the machine in a ditch along side the road. The three got out. Just then a car containing a sheriff and two deputies drove up. They were looking for escaped convicts they had heard were in the neighborhood.

Sawyer, lurking behind the car, grabbed Bob Goodfellow to protect him and opened fire on the sheriffs. They returned shot for shot. Goodfellow fell, slightly wounded in the leg. And another girl of Oklahoma showed what stuff brave women are made of.

SHE leaped on Sawyer, scratching, pulling his hair, choking him. Bullets whistled around her. Sawyer vainly tried to turn his gun on her. The viciousness of her attack unsteadied him and in a second the sheriffs pounced onto him. His pistol dropped to the ground. Lois seized it and clubbed him over the head with the butt until he fell, dazed.

"I wasn't afraid of him," Lois smiled later. "I just wanted to hurt him and make sure he was captured, after Bob was wounded."

It was just ten days later, on June 14, when the next installment of this wild-western thriller was written across the front pages of the newspapers. The good citizens of Oklahoma and Kansas were still apprehensive of the danger which might fall on them at any moment.

Perhaps it was this apprehension which moved Isaac McCarty, the young cashier of the Labette County State Bank, at Altamont, Kan.

happened to you if that other bunch had caught you. They're hard babies, they are."

The car sped on, with the women huddled in one corner. They drove for hours. When the gasoline supply ran low they stopped at a filling station, forced Mrs. Woods to buy a fresh supply. Toward nightfall they stopped at a farm house for food. They found the housewife alone.

"I don't want you around here," this brave woman calmly told them. "My husband will be home soon, and you probably would kill him. Get moving! I'm going to have company for supper."

They moved on. About 9 o'clock that evening they reached the farm home of William New, near Pleasanton, Kans. With levelled guns the convicts entered the house, covered New, and ordered his wife to get food for them and their hostages. Mrs. New carried to the tradition of bravery.

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### OKLAHOMA TORNADO

Lois Goodfellow, Pretty Oklahoma A. & M. Co-ed, Tore Into One of the Escaped Murderers, to Save Her Brother. She Beat the Convict Into Submission Almost Singlehandedly.

McCarty had seen a car containing two men looking men drive up in front of the bank. He climbed up to a curtained niche above the vault where a shotgun and rifle were stored.

Two men approached the teller's cage. One leveled a gun at Mrs. McCarty. Three men, the only other occupants of the bank, were herded together and fell on the floor.

The robbers scooped money into sacks and fled to go. "We'll take along the girl,"

McCarty heard him. He pushed aside the curtain which hid him, poked out the shotgun and fired once. A bandit fell.

Then Robert Schooley, standing in the doorway of a garage across the street, began firing his tires on the bandits' car. Apparently the wounded bandit thought the shot which hit his pal came from outside. He ducked under the counter, pulled Mrs. McCarty down be-

hind her, could see the head of the bandit over his wife's shoulder. He knew he couldn't hit the bandit without hitting her. He seized the shotgun and levelled it. His wife's head was a scant foot from his target. What if he missed?

His finger closed on the trigger. That was true. The bandit fell back with his head. McCarty fired once more. She found the bandit's heart. The man died. The other one died a few days later.

They were identified as Kenneth Conn and two of the five who had split up among the three women hostages. Apparently five of them parted. Conn and the other two were killed by McCarty. Lewis Billy Woods and Clifford Dopson had been killed, as had also Frank Sawyer, who was the Underhill gang only to run afoul of the law. This accounted for all but the man with Underhill. Now we will see how he was faring.

The felon who had dubbed Underhill and his companions "hard babies," spoke the words which left a trail of bloodshed and robbery

and Guards Sherman and Laws were turned loose. Thirty-six hours later came the tragic news of the death of Otto L. Durkee, night policeman at Chelsea, Kan. He had surprised Underhill and his fellows robbing a tire store, and had engaged them in a gunfight. He was shot down with a dozen slugs in his body, but not before he had emptied his gun.

Apparently his bullets did not find their marks. The next day, June 1, came word that the Bank of Chelsea, Oklahoma, had been held up. There was gun-play but no one was wounded. Underhill and his men escaped with \$2,500. Apparently this large sum pacified them, for little was heard from them for more than two weeks.

Then came the eventful morning of June 17. Kansas City has not yet recovered from the shock of the atrocious tragedy which occurred there then—the horrible Union Depot massacre.

A small group of detectives had arrived at the depot on an early train with Frank Nash, a much-sought fugitive who had been captured in Hot Springs, Arkansas. The detectives were F. J. Lackey and Frank Smith, U. S. Department of Justice agents, and Chief Otto Reed, of the McAlester, Okla., police.

THE party was met at the depot by Federal Agents R. E. Vetterli and Raymond Caffrey. Frank Hermanson and W. J. Grooms, Kansas City detectives were with them.

The eight men walked quietly across the station plaza to a waiting auto. Suddenly two pistol shots rang out. Then came the deadly rattle of a machine-gun. Glass crashed. Lead whistled and whined through the air. The officers toppled over like ten-pins. The shooting lasted scarcely a minute. A motor car roared through the plaza, and carried the killers to a safe escape.

Of the eight men in the party, five lay dead. They were Otto Reed, Frank Hermanson, W. J. Grooms, Raymond Caffrey and their prisoner, Frank Nash. Agent Lackey was critically wounded. Agent Vetterli was wounded in the arm and Agent Smith alone escaped unscathed.

In the investigation which followed it was claimed that Harvey Bailey, Underhill's lieutenant, manned the machine-gun. The other escaped convicts were accomplices. The shooting had been planned to free Nash. The ex-prisoners were deeply indebted to him, because it was claimed he had smuggled them the guns they used in their break to liberty.

The full force of the United States Government was set after the killers. Government agents



### NO GREATER LOVE THAN—

Isaac McCarty, Cashier of the Bank at Altamonte, Kan., and His Young Wife. She Saw He had Fired a Bullet Which Whizzed by Her to Kill a Bandit-Convict Cowering Behind

watched a homecoming. For two weeks they captained Frank Nash, the widow of the slain

She was taken to City and charged with obstructing justice. Facts concerning the case. The agent arrested Mr. and Mrs. Farmer, of Joplin. He was charged so he telephoned them to arrest in Hot Springs. He had arranged with the Bailey gang on his

On July 28, McCarty was charged with firing a pistol in the murder charges and she was released on a lesser charge of carrying a written the Farmington murder.

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Charges on the Day She Faced

Charges of "Obstructing Justice," Regarding the Kansas City Massacre.



#### A WARDEN'S WELCOME

Warden Kirk Prather, Held as a Hostage When Felons Broke from His Prison, Is Shown Being Greeted by His Wife When He Was Released, Unharmful.



#### FOR HIS LIBERTY—

Four Detectives Met Death. Frank Nash, Much Hunted Fugitive. Machine-Gunners Tried to Free Him at the Kansas City Depot, But Killed Him, Too, in Their Withering Fire. He Smuggled the Guns for Underhill's Prison Break.

hiding was the house where Urschel was held. Some of the \$200,000 Urschel ransom was found in his pockets, it was claimed. The ten others were charged as accomplices.

The capture of Bailey was sensational. Urschel, while being held a prisoner in the cabin, noted the daily passing of an air-mail plane overhead. One Sunday he missed it, and noted the date. Federal agents checked air-mail schedules until they found a pilot who missed a trip on that date. From the hour this pilot regularly passed the cabin, the agents soon found the hideout. A few days after Bailey was taken government men and police sprang an ambush near Chicago which they hoped would catch Underhill. But some way he escaped.

It is the Government theory that probably the Underhill-Bailey gang split up, after they divided their share of the \$200,000 they got from Mrs. Urschel. Residents of Kansas and Oklahoma certainly hope they have. Individually they could not make the raids which have terrorized that whole countryside.

The Government's drag-net is out for the remaining members of the gang. It is certain they will all be caught eventually. And when they are, the Kansas Prison break will be marked off, a defeat for the criminals. It must be so if modern society is to survive.

**NEXT WEEK—**George Vanderbilt, youthful heir to a \$40,000,000 fortune, tells why he quit society for the world's deadliest jungle sport—"fishing" for lions. His story sets forth his death-defying adventures when he stalked African beasts, just to get a picture.





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### Calls Bailey a Piker When Compared With the Financial Crooks

Editor, The News:

MUCH ado is being made about Harvey Bailey. He is illogically dubbed "the most dangerous criminal in the United States." A woman named Ferguson whose pathetic sob-sister stuff appears daily in your paper complains Bailey as one whose upbringing was not in that refined way it should have been.

How can anybody say that either Capone or Bailey is public enemy No. 1, or "the most dangerous criminal," when there are the Samuel Insulls, Bryan Pitts, Kruegers, as well as the apparently unlimited number of slick crooks right here in the old home town.

Talk about Bailey! Talk about Capone! These men at least have courage of a kind. They must have bravado and qualities of leadership to build up their following. But, the Insulls, Kruegers, Pitts and the embezzling slickers, in our own midst do their best work in the dark.

They send multitudes more men to their graves thru fear of pauperdom, than pikers like Bailey or Capone ever did.

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**Alleged Conspirator Released.**  
**KANSAS CITY, October 5 (AP).—**  
 Louis Stacci of Chicago, accused as  
 one of the conspirators in the plot to  
 release Frank Nash, escaped convict,  
 which led to the Union Station mas-  
 sacre here, was released on \$5,000 bond  
 late yesterday.  
 On motion of his attorney the bond  
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**Bob Brady Badly Wounded  
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in New Mexico.**

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### Underhill and Brady Caught in Gun Fight

TUCUMCARI, N. M., Oct. 6 (U.P.).—Wilbur Underhill, outlaw, accused of participation in the Kansas City Union Station massacre and a confederate, Bob Brady, were captured on a highway two miles east of here tonight by Sheriff Ira Allen and a deputy.

Brady was shot as he sought to evade arrest.

The automobile occupied by the two men contained three Winchester rifles, five sawed-off shotguns, two automatic pistols and large quantities of ammunition.

The two men had \$3,500 in currency.

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## New Mexico Seizes Man Believed To Be Underhill

Bob Brady, Also Sought for Kansas City Massacre, Held

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Sheriff Ira Allen and Deputy Ed Jackson, who halted them, said they found about \$3,500 in currency, a sawed-off shotgun, a rifle and several pistols in the car. Sheriff Allen said he was attempting to ascertain whether the money was loot of today's \$5,500 robbery at the First National Bank of Frederick, Okla.

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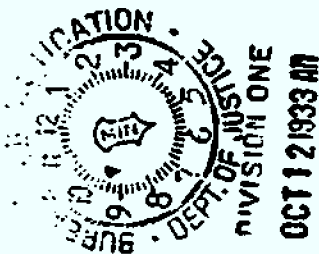
**Kansas Prison Fugitive  
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Tucumcari, N. Mex., Oct. 7 (AP).—The round-up of the convicts who escaped from the Kansas Penitentiary last Memorial Day, and left a trail of crime and terrorism through the Southwest, neared the end today with the identification of two men captured here last night as fugitives.

Sheriff Ira Allen said one of the prisoners, who was dangerously wounded seeking to escape, has been identified as Bob Brady, 23-year-old bank robber sentenced to life imprisonment as a habitual criminal.

The other man was identified as Jim Clark, 30, also under life sentence as a habitual criminal.

Brady and Clark were among the 11 convicts who broke out of the Kansas prison under the leadership of Harvey Bailey, sentenced today at Oklahoma City to life imprisonment for the Charles F. Urschel kidnaping, and Wilbur Underhill, slayer of a Wichita policeman. Underhill and Ed Davis are still at large.



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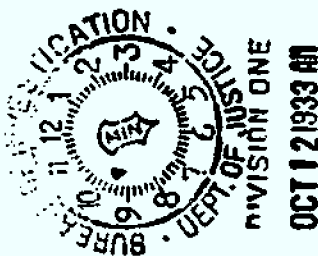
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#### AN AMAZING OMISSION.

Were the statement not made on the authority of United States District Attorney Vandeventer of Kansas City, it would be unbelievable. We refer to the disclosure that, although a Federal law exists prescribing punishment for anyone who assaults a Federal officer while he is serving papers, there is no provision for adequately punishing the murderer of such an officer. Hence, Mr. Vandeventer points out, the Government can proceed only indirectly against the perpetrators of the Kansas City Union Station massacre of last June, when four officers, one a Federal man, and their prisoner were slain. The most serious Federal charge against them, when apprehended, can be only that of conspiring to release a prisoner from custody of the Attorney-General, for which the maximum penalty is two years in prison. The murder charges must be brought in the State courts, where the maximum is death.

It is amazing indeed to learn of such an omission in our vast array of Federal statutes. The Government's prestige and its power in the war on crime are definitely weakened by the loophole. With the Government's hands tied, the criminal must be handed over to the sometimes inefficient machinery of state courts. Congress should act at the earliest possible moment in its forthcoming session to provide this neglected step to protect Federal officers.

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# WOUNDED CONVICT MAY BE TRIED IN PLAZA MASSACRE

## 'Big Boy' Brady, Lansing Fugitive, Still Near Death in West

TUCUMCARI, N. M., Oct. 8.—If Robert (Big Boy) Brady recovers from wounds inflicted by a New Mexico sheriff who arrested him Friday night, he may be the first man to go on trial for alleged participation in the Kansas City Union station massacre.

Sheriff Ira Allen and a deputy shot Brady when he attempted to flee from a trap near here. Physicians say he may die. Arrested with him was Jim Clark, who, with Brady and nine others, fled from the Kansas state penitentiary Memorial day.

Alac Street, federal investigator from Albuquerque, questioned Brady in the hospital Sunday concerning the slaying of four officers and Frank Nash, Oklahoma outlaw, at Kansas City June 17. Street declined to reveal details of the interview. An indictment charging Brady in the crime was returned several weeks ago.

Unless the government holds Brady in the massacre, he will be tried in courts here on a charge of robbing the Citizens State bank of Springer, N. M., July 7. Cashier E. J. Boyd of the bank identified Brady as one of the men who held him as hostage several minutes after the robbery.

Sheriff Allen said the \$3,500 found on Brady and Clark was not part of the ransom paid for the release of Charles F. Urschel, Oklahoma oil millionaire.

Two women came to the defense of the prisoners. Leona Decker, 37 years old, Oklahoma City, at first identified herself as Mrs. Brady. Beulah Jackson, 33, Tulsa, said she was Mrs. Clark. Later they admitted they were not married, but just wanted to see and aid the suspects.

"When we heard they were in trouble, we came here to help them out," Miss Decker said. "They are awfully nice fellows."

## Captured Kansas Prison Fugitives



Two fugitives from the Kansas penitentiary at Lansing, after they were captured Friday night by officers at Tucumcari, N. M. The upper picture shows Robert (Big Boy) Brady, as he appeared in the hospital after a charge of gunshot from Sheriff Ira Allen. He dropped his when he attempted to escape. The lower picture shows Jim Clark, arrested with Brady, in the Tucumcari jail. Brady is under indictment in the Kansas City Union station plant massacre in which four officers and Frank Nash were slain. The subjects were two of the eleven desperadoes who escaped from the Kansas prison last December.



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# Second Outlaw Is Identified in Police Slaying

(Picture on Back Page)

Verne Miller, former sheriff of Huron, S. D., ex-convict, and leader of the Oklahoma gang of desperadoes responsible for many crimes, was identified at the detective bureau yesterday as one of the bandits who last Friday robbed the Federal Reserve bank mail and killed Policeman Miles Cunningham. His picture and that of George (Machine Gun) Kelly, were pointed out as likeliest of machine gunners in the mail holdup and murder.

Two prisoners held in connection with the Cunningham murder were turned over by the police to the government yesterday to prevent their being released through writs of habeas corpus. They are Gus Winkler, Chicago gang chief, who was found Sunday night living in a fashionable apartment building at 2300 Lake Shore drive under the name of M. J. Michael, and Joseph Bergi, owner of garage in Cicero, who is a former partner of Winkler.

## Gang Auto Is Chief Clew

Writs were asked in behalf of Bergi and Mrs. Winkler, who was seized with her husband. Chief of Detectives Schoemaker informed the court that they had been turned over to the custody of Melvin Purvis, chief of the United States bureau of investigation. Neither Winkler nor Bergi has yet given any information regarding the Cunningham murder, Schoemaker said.

Bergi arranged to have bullet proof glass put in the automobile used by the murderers of Cunningham and to equip the car with a smoke screen apparatus, police siren and a red and a green headlight. So far, according to Chief Schoemaker, Bergi insists he had that work done at the request of a man known to him as Joe Miller—not Verne Miller.

Verne Miller, as well as Machine Gun Kelly, is being hunted as one of the principals in the \$100,000 kidnaping of Charles F. Urschel, Oklahoma oil millionaire, for which Harvey Bailey, one of his gangsters, and others are now on trial in Oklahoma.

Police here also conducted the first hat test since Miller and Kelly were shot. Kelly participated in the Kansas City massacre in which four others were killed and Frank Smith, a partner in whom the pair were trying to make money, was also slain. It was then established that Miller, Kelly, and others were involved in a recent mail robbery at St. Paul in which a policeman was killed.

The police at Peoria last night requested a detailed description of Kelly, stating they had under surveillance a man they suspected of being the notorious criminal. The description asked is a general way and Mr. Purvis requested that finger prints be taken and compared with those of Kelly. The Peoria authorities indicated they would take the suspect into custody.

Winkler is known to be the connecting link between these Oklahoma gangsters and their Chicago allies. For some months past he has been living in hiding from the police, although it is known that he has a 20 per cent interest in a north side gambling house.

## Phillips to Be Quizzed Again

Besides questioning Winkler yesterday, government officials and police also decided to requestion Charles Phillips, owner of a garage at 3515 Roosevelt road, whose address was given by the purchaser of the automobile used by the bandits who killed Policeman Cunningham. Chief Schoemaker ordered him seized again.

The funeral of Policeman Cunningham was held yesterday from his home at 4731 Elona avenue. The widow collapsed when six stalwart policemen started to carry the coffin from the home and it was some time before she could be assisted to an automobile to go to St. Edward's church at 4840 Sunnyside avenue, where Father Joseph LaMarque sang a requiem high mass. The remains were then borne to All Saints cemetery at Des Plaines. After firing a rifle salute the pallbearers returned to the job of hunting down his slayers.

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# Hunt More Gangsters

## 'Baby Face' Is Wanted

KANSAS CITY, Oct. 15.—(AP)—Hoodlum hunters went after criminal quarry in the Southwest almost light-heartedly today.

Harvey Bailey and George Oshinska (Gum) Kelly were put away for keeps. That simplified the hunt. A triumvirate remained.

Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd and Wilbur Underhill, long familiar names south of the Missouri river and the Kaw, were sought along with a blonde newcomer from the North, Verne Miller, World war machine gunner and former Surin, S. D. sheriff who "went bad."

"Floyd is just a cross-roads dick on thief," according to C. A. Burns, chief of the Oklahoma Bureau of Criminal Investigation. But other authorities have rated him as "the most dangerous gunman in the Southwest."

Killer Underhill likes to be called the "Tri-State Terror," an appellation gained from his depredations in the courts area of Missouri, Arkansas and Oklahoma. He and Bailey led the Memorial Day break of eleven convicts from the Kansas state prison. Two murder convictions stand against him. Bank robbery is his forte.

He and Ed Davis, 38-year-old life termor, are the only convicts of the Kansas fugitives unaccounted for. Two men who robbed the Farmers and Merchants bank at Tyrone, Okla., October 9, boasted they were Underhill and Brady. Photographs of Underhill were identified as those of a participant in a \$3000 bank holdup the same day at Baxter Springs, Mo. and a bank robbery at

Wanted in Kansas City Miller, a machine gunner for pay. Underhill and Floyd all are wanted for the slaying of their friend, Convict Frank Nash, and four officers at the Kansas City union station, June 27.

Bailey was wanted in that case, too, but his conviction along with Kelly and seven others in the \$300,000 Charles F. Urschel kidnaping left disposition of the charges in doubt. Bailey, Kelly and four others were sentenced to life imprisonment.

Bob "Big Boy" Brady, escaped Kansas convict, also indicted for the Kansas City slayings, was wounded in the New Mexico penitentiary. He was shot Friday in attempting an escape attempt.

### Hunt Two

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15.—(AP)—The gangster, kidnaper and extortionist today was termed a challenge to organized government by Senator Copeland (Democrat, New York), chairman of the Senate committee investigating racketeering.

In an address before the National Anti-Crime conference under the auspices of the United States Flag Association, Copeland asserted:

"We must choose between bowing the knee to the predatory criminal and finding some effective means of dealing with the rate of the underworld."

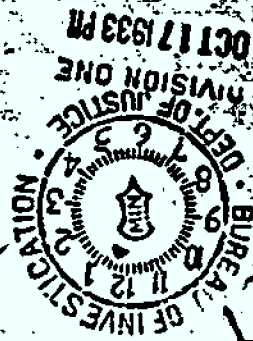
### Up To People

"The American people must rise to its might and shake off the shackles of criminal control, or else the increasing boldness and grasp of power will make the criminal supreme in his authority."

Detailing methods of controlling crime, Copeland advocated greater use of compacts between states with the consent of Congress in seeking the arrest and return of criminals. Increased personnel for the Justice department's division of investigation, compulsory fingerprinting, broadening the so-called "Lindbergh law" to cover ransom demands transmitted by telephone or telegraph; a ban on the sending and receipt of stolen property through interstate commerce; control of firearms; a new study of the parole and probation system and a limit on the number of peremptory challenges permitted in courts.

In proposing an extension of Federal co-operation, Attorney General Cummings put aside proposals that an American "Blackland Force" be created on the ground that the United States made such an effort impracticable.

Instead he suggested the possible establishment of a national institute of criminology for scientific research and training of officers, and the formation of state and municipal police forces.



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**RECAPTURED FELONS**



JIM CLARK (top) and Bob Brady (lower), who escaped from Kansas state penitentiary, are pictured after their capture near Tucumcari, N. M. Brady is recovering from wounds inflicted by Sheriff Ira Allen of Tucumcari, when he made a break for freedom.

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**Golfing Editors Vie in  
'Harvey Bailey Flight'**

(By The Associated Press)  
Arkansas City, Kans., Oct. 14.—  
Front-page news, and none of this  
conventional stuff about the "pres-  
ident's flight" and the "directors'  
consolation," christened the various  
brackets in the fall tournament of  
the Kansas Editorial Golf Associa-  
tion.

There was the "Machine-Gun Kelly  
flight," the "Harvey Bailey flight,"  
and the "bond-scandal flight," not to  
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# Notorious Western Gang of Desperadoes Now Cut to 3 Men

## Others of Bailey-Miller-Kelly Syndicate Are in Prison or Dead After Federal Drive

By United Press  
KANSAS CITY, Mo.—The Government war on crime has taken a large toll in the Southwest and Middle West where less than a year ago some of the country's most ruthless criminals made murder a mere incident of every day life.

Only three "big time" members of the Bailey-Miller-Kelly crime syndicate remain at large. The others are in prison or have been killed. Its ranks had been thinned, but its doom was not sealed until it undertook the kidnaping of Charles F. Urschel, Oklahoma City oil man. Harvey Bailey and Albert Bates were sentenced to life imprisonment for that crime and Kelly is on trial.

### THREE LEFT

The three killers still at large are:

Vernie Miller, a renegade former South Dakota sheriff; Wilbur Underhill, and Charles Arthur (Pretty Boy) Floyd.

Only Ed Davis and Underhill, of the 11 convicts who fled the Kansas penitentiary on Memorial Day, still are at liberty, the other nine having been captured or killed.

Fred (Killer) Burke, associate of Harvey Bailey, an Urschel kidnaper, is serving a life sentence. Gus Winkler, whose association with Bailey and Machine Gun Kelly was brought to an end at Kelly's trial, is dead, a victim of gang vengeance.

### IN PENITENTIARY

Two other members of their gang, Thomas O'Connor and Howard Lee, are in the penitentiary. They were sentenced for their part in the biggest bank robbery in history, the footing of the Lincoln, Neb., First National Bank of \$2,300,000.

In addition to Bailey and Kelly, five others have been arrested on indictments for the massacre of four officers—a Federal agent—and their prisoner, Frank Nash, at the union station in Kansas City.

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# **Pretty Boy Floyd Shot; Offers to Surrender**

OKLAHOMA CITY, Oct. 17 (AP).—Announcing that Charles (Pretty Boy) Floyd, notorious Southwest desperado, was wounded in a gun fight several weeks ago, Governor William H. Murray said today he declined to accept an offer from Floyd to surrender upon assurance he would not have to pay a death penalty.

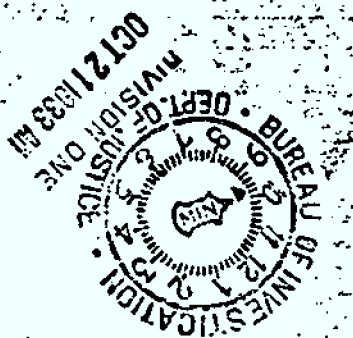
The outlaw was wounded "several weeks ago near Coalgate" in a gun fight with State operatives, the Governor said.

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# Verne Miller Escapes Trap of U. S. Agents

(Pictures on Back Page.)

Verne C. Miller, desperate little gunman who is credited with handling the machine gun with which five men were slain in the Union station at Kansas City, on June 17, last night, shot his way out of a trap closely drawn about him by federal agents as he rested in a north side apartment hotel. He escaped in a storm of machine gun bullets.

Miller was for a long time an associate of Harvey Bailey and George [Machine Gun] Kelly, southwestern desperadoes who have been sentenced to life imprisonment for the kidnapping of Charles Drachel, Oklahoma oil millionaire.

## Traced to North Side Hotel.

He was traced several days ago to the Sherone apartment hotel at 4433 Sheridan road. Since that time a heavy guard had been kept around the hotel. Last evening at least seven agents of the bureau of investigation, department of justice, and two city policemen were waiting around the hotel to seize the fugitive when he emerged.

An informer who knew Miller by sight was stationed in the lobby by the federal men with instructions to drop a bunch of keys when Miller was about to leave. From both the Sheridan road and Galt avenue entrances of the hotel—Galt is along its north side—such an action would be seen and the watchers would be ready.

Suspects Trap and Shoots. It was about 9 p. m. when Miller left his room and walked downstairs into the lobby. The keys were dropped. Instantly the alert gunman, who was once the sheriff at Haron, S. D., pulled a revolver and fired twice at the intruder. He missed. Without waiting any longer he dashed for the Galt avenue doorway.

There was a sipping of bullets from his pistol and those of the agents and police that endangered motorists in east, in Galt avenue, a low coupe was waiting. In it was a woman copied from Miller waiting for him. He leaped into the car and it moved away to the east.

## Machine Gun at Car.

One of the agents carefully aimed a machine gun at the rear of the car and sprayed it with bullets. This was said to be the first time law enforcement officers had ever fired a machine gun in Chicago streets.

The car was driven to Clarendon avenue, south to Montrose, west to Vista terrace, and then south. This brought the woman driver to a blind end street. Miller leaped out. The woman drove north again to Montrose and then abandoned the car, probably because it had a flat tire caused by a bullet.

The pursuers had been distanced and it was some minutes later when a police squad found the bullet riddled car. There was blood on the windshield, indicating that Miller or the woman had been wounded. Neither of them was found.

## Police Join in Hunt.

D. O. Smith, who has charge of the department of justice agents here in the absence of Melvin H. Purvis, asked the police to broadcast a description of Miller. He is 27 years old, a blond with gray eyes, and has a small, bushy mustache. He is 5 feet 7 inches tall and weighs 145 pounds. Last night he wore a brown hat, brown suit, and brown topcoat.

The woman, it was said, was Bobby Williams. The car in which she rode bore a license issued to J. A. Williams. A woman was found in Miller's hotel room and was taken into custody. She was believed to be the fugitive's wife. She was questioned for several hours and then taken to the detective bureau annex. Smith said she gave no information. He doubted she was Miller's wife.

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MYSTERY BLONDE BAFFLES U.S. MILLER HUNT



# OUTLAW OUTWITS SCORES OF POLICE IN WILD CHASE

A violently dressed and haughty woman, believed to be the wife of the country's most hunted desperado, Verne C. Miller, was held by federal agents today, while a lot of detectives looked over the city in the hope of capturing him, who last night shot his way out of a trap.

The woman, taken from the Sheraton Apartments, 4138 Sheridan, and around which the futile trap for the desperado was set, refused to talk to officers. She said she was not his sister.

Several detectives aiding federal officers declared they had "absolutely positive information" that Miller headed the shotgun crew which killed Gus Winkler in front of County Commissioner Charles H. Weber's beer distributing plant at 2114 Roscoe st.

## SCHOMAKER SILENT

Detective Chief Schomaker would not deny this, nor would he confirm it. He said that "any verification must come from the federal men."

Winkler, according to persistent rumors, was gunned down because he informed federal men about loop-hole robberies and disposal of stolen securities, in an effort to save himself from prosecution.

Gus was known to have had connections with Miller and his band, and this gang supposedly had been linked with the mail robberies. A hunt was also under way for Miller's "Bobby" blood sister of Miller's wife, who allegedly drove the car in which Miller escaped. Federal agents expressed belief she was wounded in the gunfire that reined around her car, but this could not be verified.

## AGENTS OUTWITTED

Government men revealed as little information as possible about the incident, but from witnesses it was learned that at least thirty agents had surrounded the Sheraton Apartments, each agent carrying a revolver and several armed with machine guns and machine guns.

At first the group of Miller seemed miraculous, but later it developed that he profited from fortuitous circumstances.

Pedestrians on the sidewalk who came between Miller and the waiting officers prevented the use of machine guns and allowed the former South Dakota sheriff to get away. The agents fired only with revolvers, until after the car was so far away that a machine gun was ineffective.

## MILLER IN DISGUISE

In the second place, Miller fooled the government men by a bushy brown mustache and horn-rimmed glasses. They had photographs of him, and with them were several informers who knew Miller by sight. However, they were uncertain when their eyes strayed from the sub-

by and would leave the car.

B. O. Smith, acting chief of the division of investigation of the department of justice said:

"The men who know Miller never had seen him with a mustache or glasses. Consequently they were uncertain, and the agents could not open fire on him for fear of killing the wrong man."

"He they started to shoot at him. One of the agents started a machine gun. The agent was standing in a group on the sidewalk on the left of the building."

## MILLER OPENING FIRE

"When Miller saw the machine gun he knew what was coming. He leaped into the car, started the motor and fired two or three shots. At that time the agents could not get their machine gun into action because of the people on the sidewalk. And before they could leap into their car the other one had rounded the corner southward into Clarendon av. and disappeared."

On the Sheridan road did three or four of officers guard the doorway. In the alley back of the building, two men were seen with government men, and across the street in a second floor apartment at 945 East av. were six men, holding four machine guns trained on the apartment. Miller was supposed to have visited.

Investigator Smith said he received information of Miller's whereabouts last night, just a short while before the trap was set. He said the information came from Capt. Thomas J. Callaghan, head of the secret service boys.

## WATCHED FOR TWO DAYS

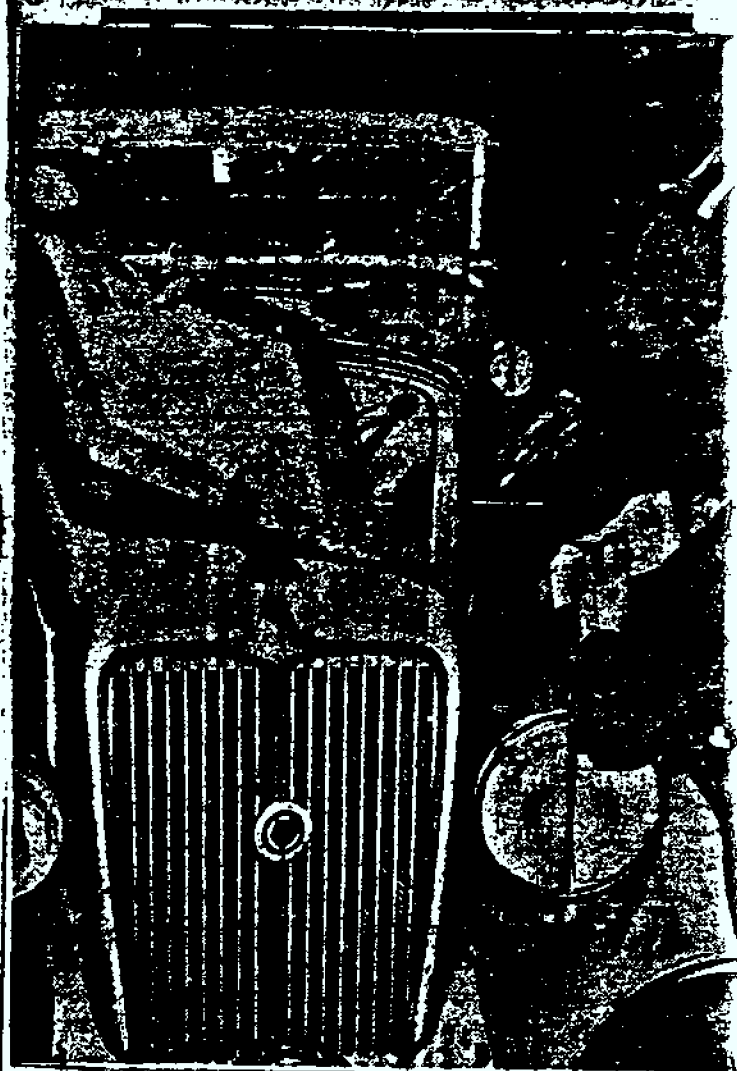
That the federal men had been watching the Sheraton for at least two days was disclosed by witnesses at a gasoline filling station across the street from the building. Last Tuesday the actions of five or three cars caused the attendants to inquire their business. The men came into and out of the station and seemed to be watching a car parked back of the Sheraton.

The youngest witness, who worked in three shifts, described their badges and said they were government men. The attendant said it turned out that the car watched belonged to Miller. It is a new Ford coupe, with New York license plates. It was being kept in the Fair Oaks garage, 215 Fair Oaks st., at the behest of the federal men. Parked beside it was the Auburn convertible coupe in which Miller fled.

The car was abandoned at 11th, 12th and 13th streets. There were two bullet holes in it.

The rear window and the side window were shattered by bullets while investigator Smith said that blood had been found on the car. A Chicago American newspaper would find no trace whatever of Miller.

# VERNE'S LUCKY RIDE



This is the bullet-scarred car in which Verne Miller, "the nation's most dangerous gangster," escaped a trap set by federal operatives on the North Side. Miller braved a fusillade of shots, leaped in the auto driven by a woman believed to be his wife's sister, and vanished. The car was later found abandoned. Blood was found, indicating either Miller or the woman—Bobby Williams—were injured. A woman, seized in Miller's hideout in a North Side hotel, is being held.

VERNE MILLER

# **GUNMAN FLEES U.S. TRAP WITH WOMAN DRIVER**

Verne C. Miller, killer, man  
robber, kidnaper and the "worst  
bad man outside of prison  
bars," was still at liberty today,  
but agents of the U. S. de-  
partment of justice were reported  
closing in on him.

The blond, 37-year-old, 5-foot-7  
desperado who shot his way out of  
a federal trap carefully laid around  
the Sherone apartment, 4423 Sher-  
idan rd., escaping as if by magic in  
a veritable hail storm of machine  
gun and pistol bullets, so far had  
again outwitted the best criminal  
trackers in the country.

But half a dozen agents of the de-  
partment of justice, equipped with  
shotguns and machine guns, and  
every police squad on duty were under  
orders to "get Miller." Although  
the federal men maintained a strict  
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# **OUTLAW EVADES CHICAGO POLICE**

CHICAGO, Nov. 1 (AP).—Two men, one of them believed by Department of Justice agents to have been Varne Miller, notorious outlaw, escaped amid a barrage of bullets after an automobile chase on Chicago's North Side tonight.

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### Miller's Girl Defiant As Police Hunt Killer

Chicago, Nov. 2 (AP).—Verne Miller, former sheriff, turned killer, again has made good his boast never to be taken alive. Scores of police hunted him with machine guns tonight with orders to shoot to kill. Police officials declared they would leave see Miller taken to the morgue as to jail.

Hours of questioning failed to shake the silence of a young woman found in Miller's hotel room last night after the outlaw shot his way through a cordon of police.

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## GUNMAN ESCAPES IN RUNAWAY FIGHT

Police Fire Fails to Halt  
Verne Miller, Wanted  
in Kansas Case.

By the Associated Press.

CHICAGO, November 2.—Verne C. Miller, the one-time South Dakota sheriff who turned gunman and became one of the most hunted men in the country, was still at large today after escaping the gunfire of Federal agents who traced him to a Chicago hideout.

In custody, however, was a woman agents said was his wife. She was seized at the Sheridan Road Apartment Hotel, where the Millers had registered as Mr. and Mrs. George Hayes, a few minutes after Miller made a spectacular dash from the place last night while machine guns rained bullets all around him.

Miller is wanted for the Kansas City Union Station robbery of last June, in

which four officials and Frank Nash, an escaped prisoner en route to Leavenworth Prison, were killed.

The agents revealed they had traced Miller to the hotel four days ago and had laid careful plans to prevent his escape. Government men replaced attendants at a filling station across the street, others rented a room in the hotel near the one occupied by Miller and officers armed with machine guns maintained a 24-hour watch from a nearby apartment window.

The agents said they believed he was warned yesterday. Last night a cream-colored roadster driven by a woman, identified, the Federal men said, as Miss Bobby Moore, drove up in front. Miller appeared on a fire escape and was greeted by a volley of bullets. He fled back into the building and dashed for the main entrance. As more bullets whizzed around him he answered them with shots from his automatic. In a dozen steps he was beside the woman in the car and it was away.

In the gunfire the woman was wounded, but she drove on and made good Miller's escape—and her own. The car was found later.

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## WOUNDED GIRL AND KELLY PAL ELUDE NET

CHICAGO, Nov. 2 (I.N.S.). Federal agents and police joined forces today in a search for Verne Miller, member of the Harvey Kelley gang, after he had shot his way out of a carefully laid trap amid volleys of machine gun fire.

Automatic pistol in hand, the Southwest desperado escaped last night from a Sheridan Road apartment hotel, jumped into a coupe driven by his sister-in-law, Miss Bobby Moore, and sped away.

Police who had formed a circle about the building fired machine gun and pistol shots at the speeding car, apparently wounding Miss Moore.

### Into Blind Street

The coupe outdistanced pursuers, but the girl drove into a blind street, where Miller jumped out and raced through an alleyway.

Turning the car around, the girl crashed against a parked car and he, too, jumped out and disappeared. The car was riddled with bullets and the seat smeared with blood.

Miller is wanted for the slaying of five men in the Kansas City Union Station June 17. A known accomplice of George "Machine Gun" Kelly and Harvey Bailey, convicted kidnapers, he is said to have wielded the machine gun in the Kansas City killings.

Federal men later entered the Miller apartment and arrested Mrs. Vivian Miller. She was taken to detective headquarters and questioned for several hours. The pair had registered as "Mr. and Mrs. George Hayes."

### Wounded Girl Escapes

A few minutes after the escape Miss Moore telephoned the apartment to say:

"I'm wounded, but I've escaped them."

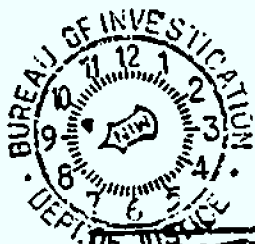
Patrols sent to search for the desperado were instructed to "shoot to kill" if he offered any resistance when found. The search centered on the North Side.

Federal agents had the apartment under surveillance for four days before the trap was arranged.

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## Machine Gun Killer Escapes U.S. Agents; Believed Wounded

Verne Miller Walks Into Hotel  
Trap but Escapes in Auto-  
mobile Amid a Hail of Bullets

By United Press

CHICAGO — Federal officers who broke up the Bailey-Kelly gang of kidnapers closed in today on Verne C. Miller, last of the band that terrorized the mid west with its criminal daring.

The former South Dakota sheriff shot his way out of an elaborate trap set last night by Federal agents. His bloodstained auto was found later. His wife was arrested in a hotel apartment they had occupied.

### MACHINE GUNNER

Miller was described by Federal officers as the most desperate gunman outside of prison. He is credited with handling the machine gun in the Union Station massacre in which five men were killed in Kansas City June 17.

He was for a long time an associate of Harvey Bailey and George (Machine Gun) Kelly, Southwestern desperadoes who are serving sentences of life imprisonment for the kidnaping of Charles Urschel, Oklahoma oil millionaire.

Seven agents of the Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice, which sent Kelly to prison, were stationed about a North Side hotel by D. O. Smith, in charge of the bureau's Chicago office, after it was learned Miller was hiding there.

### PULLS REVOLVER

An informer who knew Miller by sight was stationed in the lobby by Federal men with instructions to drop a bunch of keys when Miller appeared. Machine guns in hands of Federal agents guarded all exits of the hotel.

Miller walked into the lobby. The keys were dropped. Instantly the alert gunman pulled a revolver and fired twice at the informer. He missed. He dashed for a doorway, bringing at Federal agents as he ran.

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## Shoots Way Out



VERNE C. MILLER

## Machine Gun Killer Escapes U.S. Agents

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### SCURRY TO COVER

While hundreds of persons on busy Sheridan Road scurried to cover Federal officers pursued the fleeing gangster, pouring a steady fire at the auto. It was said to be the first time officers ever had fired a machine gun on Chicago streets.

The gangster's auto outdistanced its pursuers. A few minutes later police found the auto. Bullets had torn numerous holes in it and had punctured a tire. There was blood on the windshield, indicating one of the occupants had been wounded.

### DRIVEN BY WOMAN

Police said the woman driver of the auto was Bobby Williams. She had been staying at the hotel with Miller and his wife, they said. The auto bore a license issued to J. A. Williams. He could not be found.

Officers surrounded the district where Miller and the woman abandoned the auto. Their capture was believed certain. Miller is wanted in connection with the kidnaping of Haskell Bohn in St. Paul and Charles Boettcher II in Denver.

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## MILLER'S CAPTURE IS BELIEVED TO BE NEAR IN CHICAGO

### U. S. Agents Who Bungled 'Trap' Are Hot on Killer's Trail.

By United Press.  
CHICAGO, Nov. 2.—Federal officers who broke up the Bailey-Kelly gang of kidnapers closed in Thursday on Verne C. Miller, last of the band that terrorized the Middle West with its criminal daring.

The machine gunner in the Kansas City massacre shot his way out of an elaborate trap set Wednesday night by federal agents. His automobile, bloodstained, was found later. His wife was arrested in a hotel apartment they had occupied.

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#### Shots Miss Informer.

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### Nash Slaying Suspect Escapes Hail of Shots

Chicago, Nov. 1 (AP).—Two men, one of them believed by Department of Justice agents to have been Verne Miller, notorious Southwestern outlaw, escaped amid a barrage of bullets in an automobile chase on Chicago's North Side tonight.

Miller has been sought in connection with the slaying of Frank Nash, former convict, and four peace officers in an attempt to free Nash from custody at Kansas City on June 17.

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## KELLY'S PARTNER ESCAPES AMBUSH

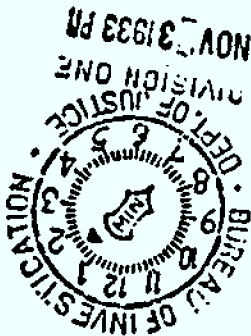
CHICAGO, Nov. 1 (U.S.). Verne Miller, partner of "Machine Gun" Kelly and Harvey J. Bailey and named as one of the participants in the Kansas City massacre of June 17 in which four officers and their prisoner were slain, made a sensational escape tonight from an elaborate machine gun ambush arranged by Federal agents.

Miller was located living in an apartment hotel on Sheridan Road. More than a score of agents under Melvin H. Purvis, head of the Bureau of Investigation here, surrounded the hotel.

A car drove up. Miller stepped out. Another man remained behind the wheel. Agents stepped from the alley and called upon Miller to surrender.

In a flash Miller leaped back from the curb to the car, which darted away. At the same instant, the desperado drew an automatic and opened fire. The Federal men answered with their machine guns. The waiting automobiles sped after the fugitive, but were quickly outdistanced.

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# CITY-WIDE HUNT FOR DESPERATE VERNE MILLER

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ing frustrated their carefully laid plans, the agents rendered her a tribute of courage.

The abandoned escape auto was found in Vista ter. near Montrose ave., one tire punctured by bullets and gaping holes from five other bullets in its body. On the auto's floor, near the clutch, was a stain of blood. The agents believe the woman was wounded by one of the bullets.

Meanwhile, Acting Chief Investigator D. O. Smith of the Chicago division of the department of justice poured a barrage of questions at another woman in the case. Tall, slim and beautiful, she was at first believed to be Mrs. Miller.

## Held for Safe-Keeping

This forenoon, however, a cloud of mystery gathered around the attractive prisoner. After one siege of questioning Smith announced:

"I am convinced that this is not Mrs. Miller."

For safe-keeping however, he committed her temporarily to the detective bureau.

Smith refused to say whether her answers to his questions had thrown any light on the escape, but, while he was closeted with her, six agents, loaded down with machine guns and shotguns in addition to their regular equipment, left hastily on some secret mission.

Miller's dare devil escape from the

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## U. S. AGENTS PRESSING VERNE MILLER HUNT

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federal trap added another breath-taking chapter to a career that pales to humdrum the average dime novel exploit.

## Many See Battle

Wanted, among other things, for the massacre of five men, including two U. S. agents, in an attempt to liberate a fellow gangster in Kansas City, for the kidnaping of Charles Urschel, Oklahoma oil millionaire, and for the murder of Policeman Miles Cunningham after a Loop mail robbery here, Miller took an almost certain chance of death for himself and his woman-helper, rather than submit to arrest.

A member in high standing for years in the gang of southwest desperadoes, including George (Machine Gun) Kelly and Harvey Bailey, already "sent up for life" in the Urschel kidnaping, he chose the storm of bullets rather than the fate of his fellows.

The story of the hectic gun battle in which no one, except supposedly the woman car driver, was even wounded, was related in detail by eye witnesses and federal agents today.

The bureau of investigation, which sent Kelly and Bailey to prison for life, had word some time ago that Miller and his wife were living in the swanky Sheridan rd. apartment hotel.

## Agents in Lobby

Knowing from past experience that they must proceed with infinite caution if they were to capture their quarry, the federal men worked slowly and with painstaking exactness.

Miller's room was on the second floor. The hotel has two entrances, one on Galt ave., the other on Sheridan rd. Federal men with machine guns occupied a room across the street on Galt ave. commanding the entrance there. Other men were ambushed on Sheridan rd. Still another detachment were sitting in an innocent appearing auto.

Two more U. S. agents waited in

the lobby. A man who knew Miller by sight was stationed on the stairs at the second floor. As Miller came out of his wife's room, this man dropped a bunch of keys.

Apparently realizing instantaneously, that a signal had been given, Miller opened fire in the lobby on the two agents there. He missed. They replied, but they also missed.

Miller dashed out of the Galt ave. entrance where the woman in the cream colored auto was waiting. Instantly the motor was humming, the clutch was in and the car sped away its roar mingling with the patter of machine guns and the cracks of pistols.

## Drives in Blind Street

One agent in the street took careful aim at Miller with his machine gun and was about to fire, when an old man, apparently deaf, started across the street between the agent and Miller's car. The agent was forced to withhold fire until the elderly intruder was out of range. It was too late then.

At wild speed the woman chauffeur, defying death, guided her car around corners, the federal men in the auto in close pursuit. She made one mistake.

Careening around a sharp corner from Montrose ave. into Vita pl. she headed the fugitive car into a second trap. The terrace is only one block long and ends in the blank wall of a garage. Miller leaped from the running board, vaulted a fence and was gone.

Still possessed of her iron nerve, although apparently wounded, the woman wheeled the car about and sped back. She reached Montrose ave. again before the agents, abandoned the car and disappeared.

The bullet-torn auto bore licenses issued to Mrs. J. A. Williams, who gave the Sherone Apartments as her address. Mrs. Hilda Polachek, manager of the hotel, said that four families by the name of Williams lived there, but none of them have the initials J. A. The manager also denied that there had been any trouble there, admitting, however, that there had been a shooting in the street.

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# ARMED SQUADS HUNT VERNE MILLER

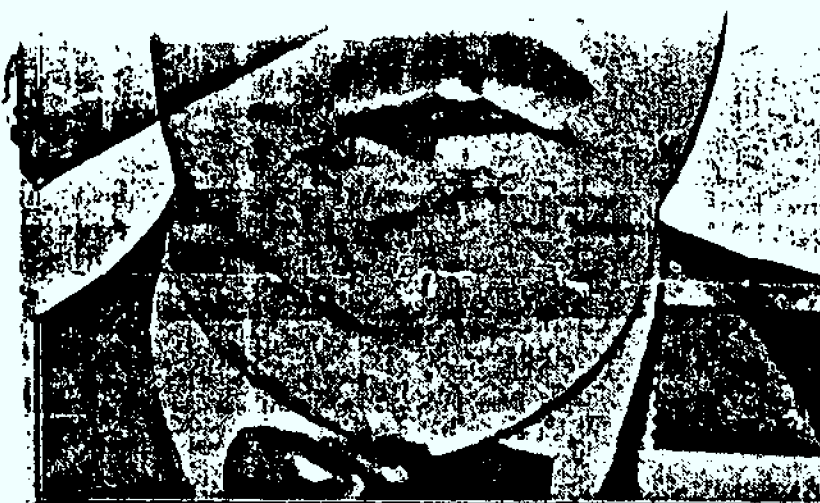


## U. S. Digs Deep Into Finances Woodward's

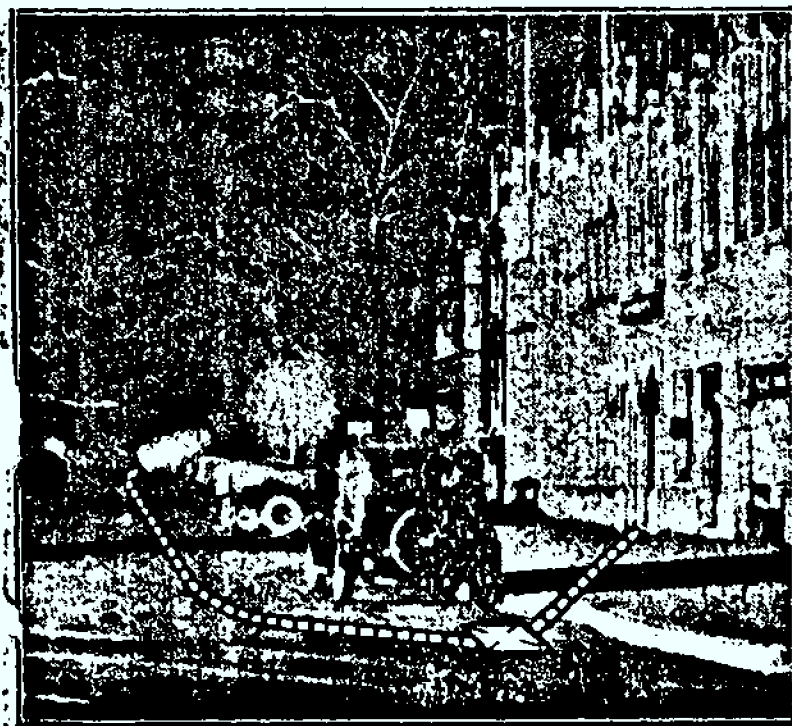
Having heard how a young man can climb from a \$25-a-week position netting him a stipend of \$13,000 in four years, he has the proper connections of the congressional committee conducting the receivership dug deeper today into the affairs of Harold C. Woodward, successful son of U. S. District Attorney Charles E. Woodward.

Already having occupied a news stand for most of the day, Walter H. Eckert, manager of the firm of Eckert & Co., which employs the rapidly rising younger Woodward, was back into the crowded room today with records of salary and drawing accounts which the federal judge's committee is digging up as a way to prosper in the heyday of Chicago business when most businesses were

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Verne Miller, who escaped machine gun trap.



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**SCENE OF NORTH SIDE SHOOTING.**—The dotted line shows how Verne Miller fled from a Sheridan rd. hotel to a waiting car, escaping a trap in a hail of bullets.

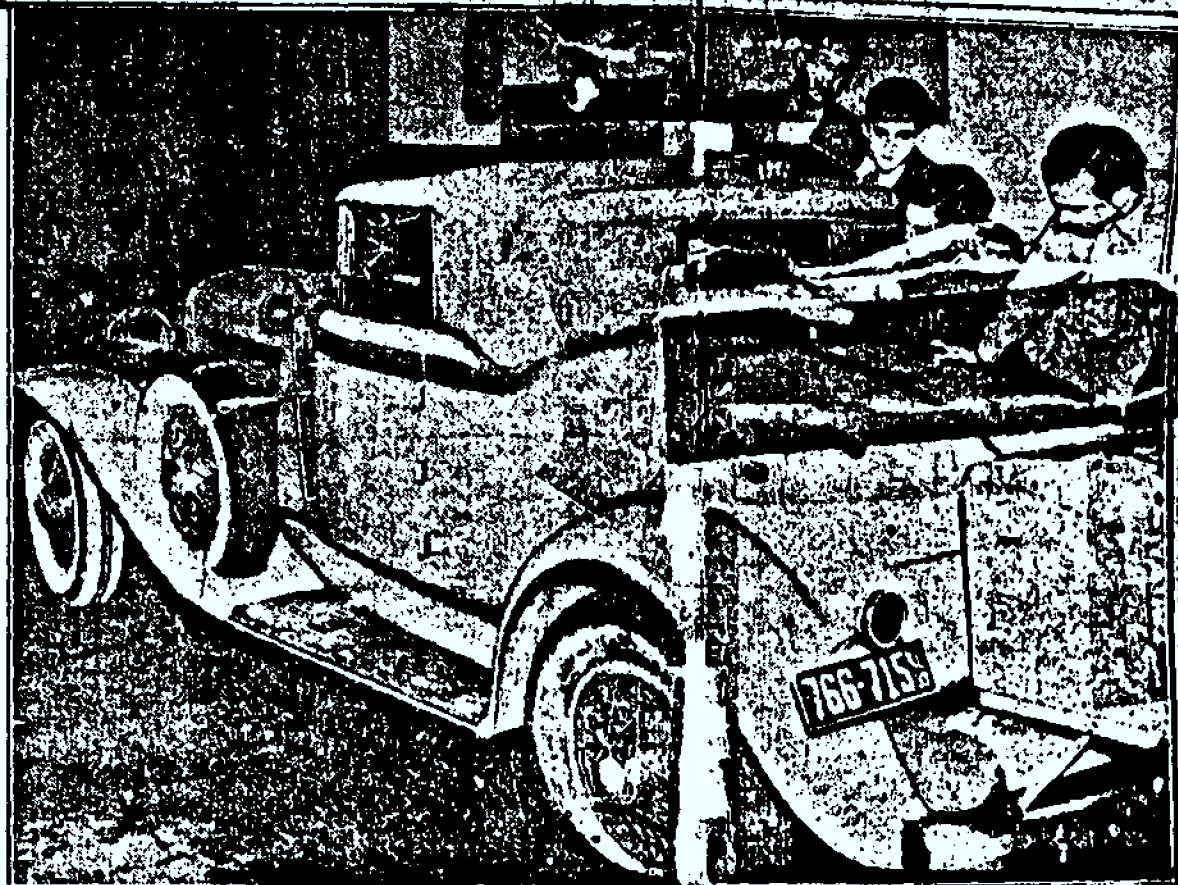
**SHE'LL STEP TO ALTAR.**—Marilyn Howard, showgirl, arrived in Tulsa with Albert B. Erskine Jr., her intended.

which the federal judge's way to prosperity during heyday of Chicago banking when most businesses were a depression.

**Draws Packed House.**—Frequent clashes between Woodward and Examiner Solberg over those allowed service rendered, drew a house, spectators, mostly jamming the courtroom and corridors.

**Highlights of the Inquiry.**—Testimony that Alvin Karpis received \$225,000 for services in that city, and that he had a full attorney's fee of \$10,000.

**audited:** hunt was the attractive woman who drove the cream-colored auto in which Miller made his getaway. Investigators believe she is Miller's sister-in-law, and although her date (Continued on page 2, col. 1)



**DESPERADO'S AUTO.**—The auto in which Verne Miller, pal of Gunner Kelly, escaped a machine gun trap set for him at the Sherone.

apartments, 1425 Sheridan rd., by department of justice agents. The agents spattered the car liberally with machine gun bullets.